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Man is cut free from car after Colcot Road collision

A man was taken to hospital following a collision involving three vehicles on Colcot Road.

by TIM CHAPMAN 07891 690798 or email tim.chapman@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

THIS was the dramatic scene on Colcot Road on Tuesday evening when the emergency services were called to a collision involving three vehicles.

A man was cut free from his car and taken to hospital in Cardiff. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening and The GEM understands he was able to speak to the emergency services while they freed him.

Working under special floodlights, Fire Service crews from Barry and Ely used hydraulic cutting equipment and small tools to extricate the man.

The wall to a front garden was demolished, but the house remained intact.

The Ambulance Service had sent a hazardous area response team, a crew in an emergency ambulance and a paramedic to the scene.

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Charity founder might call it a day after thefts

by TIM CHAPMAN

PAUL ADAMSON, the fundraiser who runs The Jam Fund, which has raised more than £400,000 to support seriously ill youngsters across the UK, is disgusted that a thief stole charity banners from his house.

The Jam Fund was inspired by his son, Jamie, who died in 2004, and Paul is so upset by the latest turn of events he is thinking of winding up the charity.

On Tuesday, he explained: "What is wrong with people today? I've just got a phone call from the Vale Council stating they have found items, large banners and flags, belonging to the children's cancer and illness charity that I run, as well as a large folder with a lot of music CDs in it, dumped in the Buttrills playing fields behind my home."

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The flags that were taken from Paul's house and the condition they were left in. Another two flags with carry cases and poles are still missing.

Scheme gives man new lease of life

A SCHEME to help blind and partially sighted people regain their independence has given a Barry man a new lease of life.

Alan Morris, a veteran of the Royal Regiment of Wales and former nightclub doorman, found the world a frightening place and shut himself away when he lost his sight following an attack in 2013.

But the world has opened up for him, thanks to regular trips out with Peter Attwell, a retired foster carer.

The men meet weekly as part of the My Guide project from Guide Dogs Cymru. The scheme helps blind and visually impaired people to get out and about by pairing them with specially-trained volunteer guides in order to help them get out and about.

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'THE PLANET HAS SPOKEN'

JUDGING by the number of carrier bags littering our bushes, trees and beaches it would be fair to say their sales at the tills are well and truly thriving!

Wherever you go you see all manner of plastic waste, it is so distressing and it's no wonder our oceans are filling up with our rubbish.

We are all responsible for our thoughtless attitudes towards our planet and we are paying the price, with contamination of our food and the air we breathe.

Climate change is worsening with more erratic weather patterns across the globe and with ever increasing populations further damage is inevitable.

However, we can all help to slow this destruction. If we all did something, somehow, no matter how small, it would help make a difference.

If we recycle or reuse items, if we picked up some litter and used the bins provided, stop buying products with micro beads; if fishermen stopped discarding their fishing line or by turning off our engines when sat idle in the car, these simple things we can all do.

Then if manufacturers and retailers rethink their packaging strategies, this will help to reverse the trend that has sadly become a way of life – the planet has spoken, let us not be victims of our own success.

T Abery,
Barry.

Grateful thanks to good Samaritans

MRS Rosemary Bullen (my grandmother), my mother Sarah and I would like to thank all of those who helped her when my grandmother had a nasty fall in Cowbridge High Street last Thursday (January 4) when blustery winds caught her when opening her car door and she fell to the ground, hitting her head.

The kindness from all those who came to help from Dogs Trust, L'Armoire and passers-by was so overwhelming and they provided blankets and a pillow and helping to stem the bleed while she was waiting for an ambulance.

They also stayed with her until her my mother and I came and she was then taken to hospital.

Thankfully, Rosemary made a full recovery and only ended up needing stitches in the back of her head, but who knows: without the help from everyone there, it could have been a lot worse.

Thank you all so much from Rosemary, Sarah and Rosie.

Rosie Thomas,
Cowbridge

HMS *Penarth* remembered

THE January edition of *Navy News* features an article on the Hunt Class minesweeper HMS *Penarth*.

On February 4, 1919 the ship was sunk having struck two mines in an uncleared minefield off the Yorkshire coast.

Two officers and 33 ratings were killed and a further two ratings died of wounds at a later date.

The courage of one of the surviving officers, Lieutenant David Wainwright in rescuing crew members was recognised by his being awarded the Albert Medal for ' saving lives at sea'.

J Gordon Jones,
Wenvoe.

GEM note: The Albert Medal, instituted in 1866, was originally only awarded to those saving lives at sea. However, following the Tynewydd Colliery disaster which occurred on April 1877, the medal was also awarded to those saving lives on land, with rescuers of the miners being the first recipients.

Thanks to local shoppers for their donations

WE would like to thank all the Cowbridge shoppers who helped raise £429 on December 22 at our street can collection in aid of Many Tears Animal Rescue based in Cefneithin, near Crosshands.

We had a very warm welcome, and shoppers gave generously. Special thanks from Chester and Gem to Alison and Andrew for coming to say hello and giving us a great donation.

Thank you to everyone who stopped and shared their love for dogs. Remember folks, adopt, don't shop!

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Comic turns for BMVC

THE end of another very busy year was celebrated by Barry Male Voice Choir members and guests at Brynhill Golf Club.

A magnificent meal was followed by superb entertainment provided be the hidden talents of choristers and lady supporters alike.

Mick Fisher, first tenor stand-up comedian and forthcoming contestant on BBC's *Pointless* quiz show provided the perfect warm-up for the eagerly awaited main events of the evening. The fanfare entrance of the choir Ladies Group left the audience spellbound, bewitched and overwhelmed with the lyrical beauty and leaping rhythms of their very original rendition of Rodgers and Hammerstein's favourite 'There is nothing like a Dame'.

Finally following a frenzied welcome it was the turn of the newly formed singing and surfing group the Barry Island Beach Boys. They didn't disappoint. Impresario and West End music critic Richard King summarised: "The perfectly synchronised movement of the dancers and original lyrics are a tribute to the work of choreographer *Strictly Come Dancing* finalist Sandy Sanderson and pork pie magnate lyricist Dave Parker."

Mr King added: "I shall do my utmost to promote the group and feel confident that in time they will become household names."

Dave Parker added: "Our success would have been impossible without the generosity of Gerald and Emmie Porter for hosting our 17 rehearsals."

The last word belongs to BMVC chairman Gareth Roberts: "I was disappointed not to have qualified for the Beach Boys, but looking back on another memorable year of choir achievements compensates for this.

"My final duty of the evening was to present our outstanding Ladies Group with tokens of the choir's appreciation for their wonderful support. This was indeed an honour and a pleasure."

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MoD and Cardiff Airport have 'no objection' to Barry big wheel

THE planning application for a Barry Island Ferris wheel has received a boost after the Vale Council received letters from Cardiff Airport and the Ministry of Defence confirming that they have 'no objection' to the wheel being re-introduced.

The wheel was taken down in the autumn because it exceeded the height for permitted development on a fairground and was relocated to a site in London.

Henry Danter, the Pleasure Park owner, recently submitted an application to the Vale Council and among those consulted were Cardiff Airport and the MoD.

Cardiff Airport said that "the proposed development has been examined from an aerodrome safeguarding aspect and does not conflict with safeguarding criteria" while the Ministry of Defence confirmed that they had "no safeguarding objections to this proposal."

The Welsh Government's historic environment service, Cadw, told the council it also has no objections.

Plaid Cymru councillor, Steffan Wiliam, who lives on Barry Island, said: "The Barry Island Ferris wheel is an iconic landmark that has been missed from the Barry skyline over the winter months since it was taken down.

"Barry Town Council has already said that they have no objection to the planning permission for the wheel to be put back up as long as the fairground is safe, and it is good to know that neither Cardiff Airport nor the Ministry of Defence have any safety objections to the plans either.

"If there are no objections on safety grounds then I hope the planning application will be approved and wheel will be spinning again as we move into spring and summer."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JANUARY 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	07.17	9.5	19.35	9.3
19 Fri	07.51	9.7	20.11	9.3
20 Sat	08.23	9.4	20.39	9.2
21 Sun	08.54	9.3	21.12	9.2
22 Mon	09.32	9.2	21.49	9.0
23 Tues	10.12	8.9	22.31	8.7
24 Wed	10.55	8.6	23.19	8.4
25 Thur	11.52	8.3		

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Warnings, not prosecutions, for speeding drivers in Barry

SPEED checks have been taking place on Lakin Drive, following multiple reports of drivers speeding through Highlight Park, Barry.

Numerous complaints have been made to the council in recent weeks that a number of drivers are exceeding the 30mph speed limit on the estate.

In response to the complaints, Dyfan ward councillor Leighton Rowlands joined PCSO Adam Roberts to monitor traffic travelling along Lakin Drive.

They used a speed gun to measure the pace at which drivers were driving along the narrow road, in order to assess the severity of the issue.

The assessment was carried out over the course of an hour, with two speeding drivers recorded in the first half hour.

Cllr Rowlands said the problem was going to be monitored in the future. "Speeding through Highlight Park is clearly an issue in need of addressing, as demonstrated by the results of our assessment.

"The safety of Highlight Park residents is my priority when it comes to tackling these speeding offences.

"Highlight Park is a tranquil area, and this should not be compromised by a handful of careless drivers. That is why I am continuing to work with South Wales Police to discourage drivers from speeding along Lakin Drive.

"We will continue to monitor the traffic through the estate and assess whether or not the problem is persisting.

"On this occasion, those drivers who were recorded as having exceeded the 30mph speed limit were not prosecuted, although they have been sent written correspondence by South Wales Police, warning them that they are committing an offence and endangering the safety of other Highlight Park residents.

"Should our future assessments show that these offences are continuing, South Wales Police have assured me that further action will be taken to prosecute law-breaking drivers."

Barry duo's brush with success

IN four years, the founders of makeup brush company Spectrum have gone from packing products in their garage to running a successful global business and are now fronting a new Barclays video campaign to highlight Wales as a place to do business.

Sisters Sophie and Hannah Pycroft with their brushes. Photograph by Speak Media/Gareth I Jones.

In 2013, sisters Hannah and Sophie Pycroft found themselves struggling to find work in Barry. Many of their friends and colleagues moved away to find opportunities and after months of product research, they discovered the potential in makeup brushes.

Spectrum officially started in 2013, initially running from Sophie's garage.

A key turning point came in the run up to Christmas 2014, when Sophie and Hannah set up a stall at The Clothes Show Live in Birmingham when their business attracted celebrity attention from 'reality TV stars' from *Geordie Shore* and *The Only Way Is Essex*. Their brushes were used on *The X-Factor*, Holly Willoughby and Abbey Clancy and last month, the sisters made an appearance on yet another reality TV show *America's Next Top Model*, where they set the contestants a fashion-related task.

Earlier this year, the pair were finalists at the Barclays Entrepreneur Awards, which recognise the best innovators in the country. **BB**

Anger as JAM Fund founder is broken into

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Paul continued: "I've collected those, but got home to find both my sheds have been broken into. Alcohol and CDs had been taken, but why would some scumbag take the flags, their cases and bases, belonging to the kids' charity I run?"

It's not the first time the charity has been a victim of crime.

Paul said: "In the 12 years I have run this charity, a charity caravan was damaged, furniture destroyed, and play station games, cookware sets and garden parasol bases stolen."

A collection for the charity at a funeral was also stolen.

Paul said: "I'm offering a cash reward for anyone who can give information leading to a prosecution.

"The two flags will cost the charity a couple of hundred pounds to replace. My own stuff being nicked doesn't anger me as much.

"I am now considering calling it a day as a charity fundraiser."

He added: "Thank you to the gents from the council for collecting and recovering what they did – it just balances things out a little."

People were quick to urge him to carry on the good work.

On social media, Bob Armstrong commented: "Sorry to hear this mate... You have a lot of supporters, Paul, don't give in to these idiots."

Peter Fordham said: "You are an inspiration Paul not just to me but to so many people. You have changed 1,000s of kids' lives, creating special moments / memories for families they will cherish for ever! What you have achieved with The Jam Fund is truly amazing! Long may this continue."

The police are investigating the break-in and theft.

'Free speech gagged' *suggests chair of by-pass group*

OBJECTIONS to houses being constructed at the former St Cyres site in Dinas Powys, until a bypass is built, are being sent directly to Vale councillors in an 11-page dossier.

Dinas Powys By-Pass Steering Group chair Rod Harrod said that the group had taken the unusual step to do this because council rules had changed, and public objections would no longer be made available to be viewed on the Vale Council's website by interested parties.

Mr Harrod said he was told that objections could only be seen in future by visiting the council's offices. His concern is that campaigners might need to visit the council officers several times to be fully acquainted with all the objections that had been supplied prior to the application being heard by the planning committee.

He told The GEM: "What is even more worrying is that this rule seems only to have been applied after several other objections, including those from Dinas Powys Vale councillors and the community council, had been posted on the (Vale) site.

"As recently as last Friday afternoon further copious documents of detail from the developers were added to the site.

Mr Harrod said that he believed it amounted to "a gag on free speech for public written objections".

He explained: "No matter how accurately and detailed objectors make their point, they will now rely on officers bundling their comments together and delivering a few well chosen, anodyne phrases like: 'It's been pointed out that there could be a loss of light to neighbours. This was repeated in 67 other letters. And others were concerned about drainage'.

"Unless objectors speak at the planning meeting, that is all the councillors and public will get to hear from them. Of course, they will hear the applicant's case and the officers' recommendation in full."

The bypass steering group is not opposed to Barratt Homes building 215 houses on the former St Cyres site, but thinks it should only be done after a bypass had been constructed.

Salvation Army thanks supporters

PENARTH Salvation Army would like to say a big thank all who gave money during December while we were out collecting.

Your generosity was overwhelming; it helped us to be able to distribute food parcels to people in need within our community.

We would also like to say thank you for the donations given while we were out with our Army Papers.

A big thank you also to everyone who supports our charity shop in Cornerswell Road, both customers and volunteers.

We couldn't do it without you.

Chris Parr,
Barry.

Railway society's January meeting

The next lecture at the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place on Thursday, January 25, at The Conservative Club Penarth, CF64 2EZ, starting at 7 30pm.

Local video cameraman Mike Wilcock will be showing clips of the new IEP in Cardiff and Swansea, and also mainline steam in south Wales featuring Britannias in Newport and Cardiff, plus visits to preserved lines featuring GWR *City of Truro* on the railway at Llangollen.

Pontypool and Blaenavon, Severn Valley Railway and the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway are also covered during the evening

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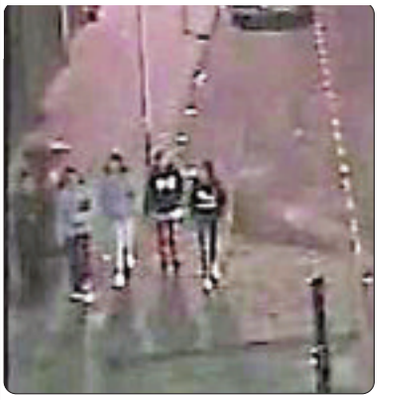

The police think the people in the image might be able to help their investigation.

POLICE investigating a robbery in Barry are appealing for these individuals seen on CCTV to make contact.

Officers believe they may be witnesses or have valuable information about a robbery which took place in the early hours of Sunday, January 14.

At approximately 4am, a man was assaulted and had his mobile phone stolen near NatWest Bank on Holton Road, Barry.

A 13-year-old boy has been arrested in connection with the offence.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing and officers hope that the individuals pictured or somebody who recognises them responds to the police appeal.

It is believed that another male was involved. He was possibly riding a bike at the time of the incident.

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What did the postman see?

AT the first meeting of Barry U3A after Christmas, the speaker was David Salter, who spoke on the topic of 'What the Postman Saw.'

I expect that postmen see all sorts of things, but in this instance, David was talking about the messages on postcards. He gave a short history of how postcards came to be used more than letters in their early days. This was because it was cheaper to send a postcard than a letter and also you could send a postcard in the morning, which would be delivered in the afternoon.

It was not until 1894 that postcards in the UK had pictures on them and from 1900 onwards, picture postcards became very popular. Soon after, they also started to become collectable items.

Some postcards represent a sort of social history of the UK as it was popular for hospitals, schools and churches to have photographs of their establishments put on postcards. As a result, there are many postcards with messages (usually requesting money) from boarding schoolchildren to parents.

Events such as Christmas and Easter would all have postcards. Nor were they all 'pretty' scenes – there were postcards of the Senghenydd colliery disaster in 1913, and cards showing factories so that men could send home pictures of where they were working.

Not all messages were happy either. Postcards were sent in the millions during World War One, often with pictures showing war damage and with poignant messages.

However, after World War One, it was back to seaside views and the rise of the 'saucy' postcard. The film companies got in on the act, with many postcards of famous film stars, musicians and political giants.

David showed us many funny messages from the cards as well as learning something about the social history of the UK through them.

If you are no longer in full time employment or raising a family, then you are in your third age and new members are very welcome to come along to our meetings. The next one is on Monday, February 5 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall on the roundabout in Park Crescent. Call Christine on 01446 701537 for further information.

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Concert celebrates library's first year

Nia and Tomos Parry.

A COMMUNITY library in the Vale is celebrating its first year in operation with an evening of music and song.

Rhoose Community Library has organised its first anniversary concert at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose on Saturday, January 27.

Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm. There will a licensed bar and refreshments.Tickets cost £8 each (no concessions).

Spokeswoman Christine Jakeway said: "The internationally renowned Bridgend Male Choir will perform a varied programme, with Tomi Turner as their tenor soloist.

"He is a primary school teacher at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, Barry and the choir's guest vocalist for this concert.

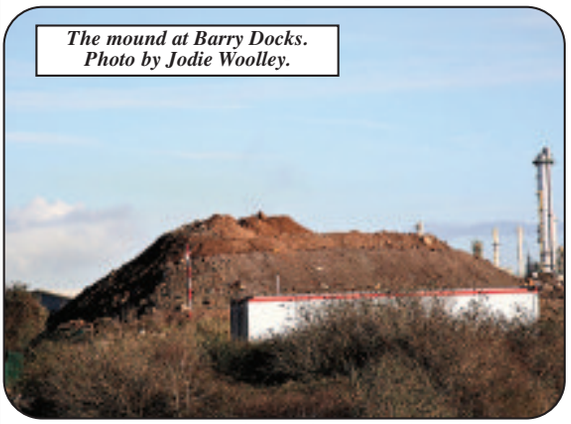
"He also teaches Tomos and Nia Parry and accompanies them in their school choir. They will be singing some Welsh songs on the night.

"During the interval the Vale Ukelastic Band will play and sing a jolly medley of their songs.

"Bar facilities and refreshments will be available all evening. A raffle will be held with some super prizes to be won.

"We are looking forward to a joyous evening of music and song – all in aid of our local library!"

NRW gives clean bill of health to temporary mound at Barry docks



The mound at Barry Docks. Photo by Jodie Woolley.

NATURAL Resources (NRW) Wales has carried out an investigation into the growing mound at Barry docks after the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) asked it to look into the matter.

DIAG said it was concerned about what the mound consisted of and where it had come from. The group also said it was worried about the mound slipping and whether any asbestos was present.

A DIAG spokeswoman said: "Several Vale councillors are now asking questions and the Vale Pollution Control have been informed."

An NRW spokesperson told The GEM last week that it would be speaking to the land owner to determine the nature of the material and reason for it being deposited there.

This week NRW explained: "After concerns were raised with us, our officers visited the area on January 10 to inspect the material which was being piled up and to identify its origin.

"We can confirm that the material has been generated through the construction of the Biomass facility, and it continues to be used as part of the ongoing development.

"Our inspection showed the materials to consist of soil, stones, sand, mud and concrete – no evidence of asbestos was witnessed.

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The role of Minor Authority Representatives is a voluntary, four year position and the successful candidate would be expected to attend regular meetings and report back to the Council on those meetings.

For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact Mrs Angie Price, Deputy Chief Officer on 01446 704923 or email: angiepricce@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is Friday, 16 February 2018.

Angie Price, Deputy Chief Officer, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA.

A portable floodlighting system was used by the Fire and Rescue Service to help them as they cut the man free from the car.

Man cut free after Colcot Road collision

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A police spokeswoman explained: "South Wales Police were called to a three-vehicle collision on Colcot Road, Barry, shortly after 8.40pm on January 16.

"Officers attended, alongside colleagues from the fire and ambulance services, after a silver Audi A5 collided with two parked vehicles.

"Substantial damage was caused to all three vehicles as well as a nearby property.

"The driver of the Audi was cut free from his vehicle and taken to the University Hospital of Wales with serious injuries which are not thought to be life-threatening.

"Enquiries are continuing and any witnesses who have not yet provided an account to the police are asked to contact 101, quoting the reference number1800019547."

The road was later reopened to traffic.

VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD BE ON THE MOVE

LLANCARFAN Primary School could be on the move to Rhoose as part of a council plan to almost double the number of pupils, who will be taught in a brand new school.

The school currently has around 100 pupils, and cannot be extended because of the size of the site.

Consultation is set to begin on proposals that would see Llancarfan Primary School move into a new state-of-the-art building as part of the Vale Council's 21st Century Schools programme.

A council spokesman said: "This exciting proposal would involve a new 210-place primary school building located within the village of Rhoose, providing both an opportunity to cater for increases in local demand, as well as establishing a modern learning environment for existing pupils and staff at Llancarfan Primary School, an old Victorian school constrained on a small site."

He said that Rhoose Primary School will be unaffected by the development.

The new school will cost in excess of £4 million, half of which would come from a Welsh Government grant. The project is part of widespread investment in education in the Vale as part of Band B of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools scheme.

Cllr Bob Penrose, the council's cabinet member for learning and culture, said: "This project will see Llancarfan Primary School move into new ultra-modern facilities that can comfortably cater for the larger number of pupils due to attend.

"This is just part of extensive investment in education in the Vale that will see facilities dramatically improved across the entire County.

"Work towards that aim has already begun and we will be announcing details of other schemes over the coming months."

RBL receives donation

Richard James, chairman of the Penarth branch of the Royal British Legion, receives a cheque for £250 from Ryan Mullins and Rhys Watkins of St Cyres School. The pupils organised a charity football match last month to commemorate the famous 'Christmas Truce' matches played during the First World War.
Also present in the photograph is the match referee, Simon Morris.
Photograph courtesy of Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher.

DAWN WILL 'BRAVE THE SHAVE' FOR VELINDRE

A LOCAL woman is doing a 'Brave the Shave' in aid of Velindre Cancer Care as a 'thank you' for the help the charity gave her father.

Dawn Jenkins told The GEM: "I am going bald for charity at Jenner Park, the home of Barry Town United Football Club, on Friday, January 26 at 5.30pm.

"My dad spent a considerable amount of time at the centre as he underwent treatment for prostate cancer.

"So, I'm raising funds for the centre to simply say thank you to those providing care and to give something back to those that have suffered from this terrible disease."

To support Dawn's fundraiser, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dawn-jenkins4.

Dawn Jenkins.

Penarth's Alison stars in *The Band*

ON Tuesday, January 9, the musical *The Band* opened at the Wales Millennium Centre and one of the performers was a local actress.

Penarth-born Alison Fitzjohn plays the role of Clare.

The show tells the story of five friends who meet up after 25 years and are desperate to meet their boy band heroes – it includes Take That hits such as 'Back for Good', 'Shine' and 'Rule the World'.

Members of Take That, Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and Howard Donald, attended the opening night this week.

The show runs until Saturday, January 20.

Beach clean this Sunday

JANUARY'S 'Friends of Barry Beaches' beach clean will be a week earlier than usual, taking place this Sunday, January 21, at Porthkerry Country Park.

A spokeswoman said: "Volunteers should meet near the Forest Cafe at 3pm and please wear suitable clothing, as it will probably be wet in the area.

"We welcome volunteers of all ages but ask that children are accompanied by an adult.

"Litter pickers and bin bags are provided and we try to recycle as much waste as possible.

"Despite the bad weather, Friends of Barry Beaches had a great turn out on Boxing Day; thank you to everyone who came along to The Knap to help pick up the litter and share a mince pie and mulled wine."

The group, which started seven years ago, has a petition running at the moment on the National Assembly for Wales website.

It relates to plastics 'poisoning the natural world' and urges the Welsh Government to introduce a tax on all single use plastics similar to the 5p charge on single use carrier bags'.

To see the full petition statement, go to the petitions section on the website or use the following link: https://www.assembly.wales/en/gethome/e-petitions/Pages/petitiondetail.aspx?PetitionID=1283

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'My Guide' helps to increase confidence and independence

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This could be as simple as walking to the shops or a social club, or practising routes they have learnt with their rehabilitation officer. The aim is to increase mobility, confidence and independence.

Mr Morris, 56, said: "The My Guide scheme is life-changing and has given me a goal. I could be sitting in the house for days or even weeks without going through the door. But when Peter calls and says 'Let's go', it's great to get out, to walk and chat."

His ultimate aim is to regain a sufficient level of fitness to benefit from a guide dog. "That would be the icing on the cake and give me both independence and a constant companion," he said.

Mr Attwell, 63, decided to train as a sighted guide after spotting an article in a local paper. "I had been volunteering locally, but now, after Guide Dogs' training, I feel I give more as a sighted guide. Although we come from totally different backgrounds, I like the banter I have with Alan, and there's so much we can talk about.

"Alan trusts me and that's so important to both of us, as is the mutual respect. We've developed a real friendship."

Ian Coxon, My Guide ambassador for Guide Dogs Cymru, said identifying the right volunteers is vital, as the scheme involves working closely with adults who have a visual impairment.

He said: "We take care to get the right match of personality and interests. A volunteer might only give an hour a week, but it needs to be a regular commitment.

Alan Morris and sighted guide Peter Attwell enjoy a walk at Barry Island.

"Volunteers say they get great satisfaction from helping a visually impaired person to become more mobile. They are learning new skills that transfer well to the workplace, and the qualifications can be added to a CV."

If you're interested in becoming a sighted guide, call Ian Coxon on 07881 269572 or email Ian.Coxon@guidedogs.org.uk.

Thanks for the kindness shown

ON Friday, January 12 my daughter had a bad fall on ice on her way home from school.

She had a graze by her eye, a bruised lip. Her trousers were ripped on the knees and she had severe grazes and bruising there. She was very distressed, crying and shaken.

A kind stranger, a lady, walked her to our home in Lombard Street.

I hope someone recognises their role and will accept my most heartfelt thanks for their kindness and concern.

Miss Dee Sholl, Barry.

A French Language School is looking for host families in Barry
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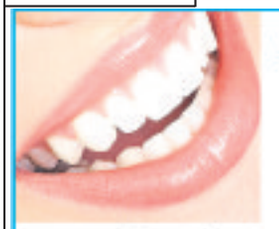

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Biomass consultation deadline looms large

A cross party group of politicians recently met the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) who were delivering letters from Barry residents to the Welsh Assembly, opposing the plant in Barry.

THE Leader of the Welsh Conservatives has urged local people with concerns over the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant at Barry docks to respond to the current consultation "before it is too late".

The deadline is Monday, January 22.

Politicians who have expressed opposition to the plant include South Wales Central AMs Andrew RT Davies and Neil McEvoy, Vale AM Jane Hutt and Vale councillors Nic Hodges and Vincent Bailey.

Mr Davies said: "I have been vociferous in my calls for the Welsh Government to step in and refuse the incinerator an environmental permit and it is very pleasing so many residents think likewise.

"While the Cabinet Secretary has turned down my initial request, I hope the strength of feeling will cause her to think again."

He said he welcomed the fact that there was cross party support.

Comments should be sent to Natural Resources Wales, Permitting Service Consultations, Cambria House, 29 Newport Road, CF24 0TP or by email to permittingconsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.

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'Devastating impact' of Barry burglary spate

by GEM REPORTER
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JUST before Christmas The GEM highlighted a spate of burglaries in Barry and police warnings for local residents to be vigilant.

A local teenager has written us a piece explaining the emotional impact of having a burglar damaging your property and sifting through your personal items.

She writes: "Barry has been knocked by a number of burglaries. Privacy has been invaded and meaningful items have been taken and sold on for much less than the people would pay to have them back.

"Homes have been turned upside-down with panic, open drawers and lost objects.

"A smashed window and an open door shows the entrance and exit this mystery person made into my house.

"It's messy, as if I had just had a party, but no, much worse and no fun involved – as if 'a home' was just a house. In a brief few minutes of chaos, a person has scrambled through your personal belongings looking for a needle in a haystack – a diamond, some jewellery or technology; days spent working to pay for these items and yet someone could take it from you in the space of five minutes, creeping out your door with their identity slipping through your fingers.

"You may walk past them in the street; you may be recognised by them because they saw you briefly in a picture on your mantelpiece. You will not know who stole from you, looked through your personal belongings and invaded your private home; to them it was just a house, but you will never forget the image of your door ajar and the horror of what you found inside.

"In the month of November many houses were burgled, including mine.

"It is upsetting to think that somebody has been searching through my home, not caring about what they have left behind but the 'prize' given if they found the expensive items.

"As some of the community could agree, it's not just about the consoles and jewellery stolen, but the costs of the repairs just before Christmas, and clothing touched by hands of an unknown person, and pictures looked at, knowing my face and my name.

"Privacy no longer exists because someone out there knows the objects that my drawers hold; the clothes that hang in my closet and the photos that sit on the shelves.

"At the end of the day a window is fixed and a console replaced, but the events that occurred have impacted the atmosphere of those who experienced it in the Barry community.

"The money wasn't such a big deal in some people's perspectives because there is much worse that could happen in life, and I agree. I urge the people of Barry to install alarms and keep an eye out for your neighbours and friends in our town."

THE REMARKABLE BARRY BARNARDO'S GIRLS...

FROM strawberry teas to fashion shows, a remarkable group of Barry fundraisers has been supporting the children's charity Barnardo's Cymru for well over 50 years.

The Barry Barnardo's Helpers Group.

While some intrepid fundraisers put their all into a one-off climb of Kilimanjaro or a skydive from 10,000 feet, the Barry Barnardo's Helpers' Group have been working away steadily to outlast them all while raising an estimated £175,000 along the way.

The town's very first fundraising group was set up in December 1930, and the longest serving member of the current group, June Davis (89), has clocked up an amazing 58 years. This year, she received a special certificate from the charity's chief executive, Javed Khan, recognising her remarkable record.

"Over the years we've organised many different things," said June.

"At Christmas, we have carols and mince pies and my husband used to take his school band to Queen Street in Cardiff, where we would collect a four figure sum.

"We had a grand fashion show in Bindles, thanks to Laura Ashley of Bath and we've enjoyed many musical evenings, coffee mornings and sales of plants, jewellery and scarves. I also have a strawberry tea in my garden every year, which is popular. It has been a lifetime of love and loyalty."

The group has about 15 regular members.

Jen Morgan, who joined in 2013, said: "Getting involved with Barnardo's has opened my eyes to the challenges many young people and parents face. It has been really rewarding and I have loved meeting people and getting involved in the activities."

Barnardo's Cymru provide almost 100 services across Wales, ranging from support to young carers with responsibilities for sick or disabled parents and siblings, to care leavers, trying to make the leap into independent adulthood.

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Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will hold their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, January 20, in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Literary quiz

GRIFFIN Books in Penarth is holding a Literary Quiz on Friday, January 26 at 7.30pm in Waterloo Tea, Stanwell Road.

Come along to test your knowledge of all things book-related! Tickets £5, including a glass of wine (or alternative) and maximum team size is six people. You can receive a discount if you book as a team of six, but feel free to come by yourself and join a team on the night.

The winning team members will each receive a Griffin Books voucher!

BRITISH STEEL COKING PLANTS
DEADLINE – 23 FEBRUARY 2018

The High Court has appointed Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell as lead solicitors in a group action for conditions associated with employment at coke works operated by British Steel. Specifically:

- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- chronic bronchitis
- temporary exacerbation of asthma
- lung cancer
- squamous cell skin cancer

A closing date for notification of claims has been set by the Court as 23 February 2018.

If you think you or a deceased family member may have been affected and worked in a British Steel coke fuel plant as a coke oven worker and wish to consider joining the group, please contact Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell by 14 February 2018. They will send you further information and assess whether you may be eligible to join the group and claim compensation.

You may instruct an alternative solicitor other than Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell, and if you do it will be their responsibility to submit notice on behalf of any individual wishing to join the litigation to Hugh James and Irwin Mitchell and to the Defendants, before the closing date for notification of claims.

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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minor Authority Representative Vacancies

Barry Town Council would like to invite interested parties to apply to represent the Council as Minor Authority Representatives on the following School:-

Jenner Park Primary School

The role of Minor Authority Representatives is a voluntary, four year position and the successful candidate would be expected to attend regular meetings and report back to the Council on those meetings.

The deadline for applications is Friday, 2 February 2018

For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact Mrs Angie Price, Deputy Chief Officer on 01446 704923 or email: **angieprice@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk**

COSMESTON WATERSPORTS PLANS SHELVED BY LEADER

PLANS to open a wakeboarding facility at Cosmeston Country Park will no longer go ahead following a decision by the Leader of the Vale Council.

It had previously been proposed that the council would work with a commercial watersports operator to introduce cable-wakeboarding to the eastern lake as part of a programme of work to generate additional income and tourism opportunities for the country park.

Cllr John Thomas, Leader of the Council, said: "It was always my intention to review this proposal, which I was never convinced was suitable for Cosmeston.

"There is an obvious need to safeguard the future of the Vale's country parks through introducing appropriate new attractions and suitable commercial activities, but these must be just that – appropriate and suitable.

"We have an equally important responsibility to safeguard the park's natural environment and after speaking with residents and consulting with the local elected members I remained far from convinced that wakeboarding was appropriate for Cosmeston.

"Ultimately, the park belongs to the public who use it, and it is their views that have prompted me to take the decision that the scheme should not progress."

The proposed operator was informed of the council's decision in December. While there remains a planning application in progress for the scheme, the Vale Council as landowner at Cosmeston will not now be permitting any new facility to be built.

Cllr Kathryn McCaffer, local member for the Plymouth ward in Penarth, said: "I am delighted that the Leader and my colleagues have come to this decision.

"I have always maintained that wakeboarding was an inappropriate use in the context of Cosmeston Country Park. While I fully recognise that we need to encourage a wide range of activities and attractions, those must be in keeping with the special environmental qualities of the park."

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Epilepsy advice

DO you have epilepsy, or care for a loved one or relative who has this condition? Epilepsy Cardiff and Vale run a coffee and chat session monthly at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

The next session will take place on Thursday, January 25, from 10.30am to 12 noon. Come along and chat to Lesley Williams, support adviser – no appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Rorke's Drift talk

THE Rhoose and District History Society invites local people to a talk by Roger James on 'The Anglo-Zulu War/Rorke's Drift'on Friday, January 26, at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road. Tickets at door, adult £1, 50p per child.

Get help with heating bills

WINTER can be a time when people need to use their heating the most, and that can mean people start to worry about their gas and electricity bills.

Care & Repair Cardiff and the Vale has been awarded funding from the Big Energy Saving Network to help with this issue.

This funding will allow help for older people who may be worried about their gas and electricity bills or would just like help and advice to check that they are getting the best deal.

Care & Repair can also help people apply for any discounts they may be entitled to, such as the Warm Home Discount.

It is a registered charity, so all the information and advice provided is independent and free. This service is available to people aged 60 and over who live in the Vale.

If you would like a free home visit to see if we can help or would like one of our caseworkers to come and meet with older people's groups in the Vale, contact us on 02920 473337.

Vale man receives national award

A MAN who chooses to work part time so he can devote the rest of his time to volunteering has been recognised with a national honour.

Moawia Bin-Sufyan from the Vale will receive his award later this month.

Moawia Bin-Sufyan from the Vale, has been given a British Citizen Award for his services to the community.

The British Citizen Awards (BCAs) were launched in January 2015 to recognise individuals who make a positive impact on society. BCAs are awarded twice annually, and recognise ordinary people whose achievements may otherwise be overlooked.

Mr Bin-Sufyan (35), has worked since the age of 15 in various roles locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to, said a spokesperson, "improve the lives of others".

He regularly lectures on issues relating to policing, counter terrorism, extremism, Islam, international charity, health, international development diversity and community cohesion.

Mr Bin-Sufyan is one of 36 medallists who will be honoured at a ceremony on January 25 at the Palace of Westminster. Each will receive a Medal of Honour, inscribed with the words 'For the Good of the Country' and medallists are also invited to use the initials BCA after their name.

Speaking about his nomination, Mr Bin-Sufyan said: "I'm honoured and humbled to have been awarded the British Citizen Award. I have never done what I do for awards and accolades. I hope this award will show other young man and women especially from the BME community to get involved with charity, voluntary work and public appointments."

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2018

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council

VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT (VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS) (ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2018

1. On the 18th January 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedule below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 30th January 2018 and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 30th January 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle, Horse or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location:	All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road. Footpaths (Public Rights of Way) Penmark No's 9, 9A, 10, 15, 21, together with Restricted By-Way known as Penmark No 18 throughout their lengths
Reasons:	These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).
Duration:	From 18.01 hours on 30th January 2018 for a maximum period of 18 Months.
Alt Route:	The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and vice-versa. None for footpath closures.

Dated this 18th day of January 2018

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2018 started with a ramble in the Vale

IT has already been a busy month for the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers.

The year started with a walk on New Year's Day round the Cowbridge area followed by a 'get together' hosted by Ian and Margaret. This was followed by a walk the following weekend in the Blaencwm area, which was led by Mike and Judy Holley.

The weather was cold, but dry; a challenging walk entitled 'Three Valleys walk', apparent when the walkers got to the top, but it was well worth the climb.

The walks with an interest are held on the first Tuesday of the month during the winter time and a pleasant walk 'Old New Parks' took place, led by Mike and Judy Holley.

The walk took in Bryngarw Park and Parc Tondu, both industrial sites prior to the demise of the coal and iron industries in the area.

The walk on January 14, was a more local walk, led by Gwion Evans in the villages of Rhoose, Penmark and Porthkerry Park.

The weather was dry, but with all the rain lately, very muddy. The walk followed the perimeter fence of the airport for some of the way, before walking under the busy B4265 main road, and ending up in the tranquil village of Penmark.

From there, the group made their way to Porthkerry Park for lunch. Following the coastal path back to the starting point, the group stopped at the obelisk which marks the most southerly point in Wales at Rhoose Point. After the walk, the group gathered at the Fontygary Inn for some well-earned refreshments.

For further information, wee valeofglamorganramblers.co.uk.

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Big Screen: Dunkirk

BIG Screen's first film for 2018 is *Dunkirk* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, January 25 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.

This acclaimed production is more than a war film. With three interlocking narratives – land, sea and air [One Week, One Day, One Hour] – we follow the escape of the British Army from France in 1940 that enabled Britain to fight on.

Mark Rylance, Tom Hardy and Kenneth Branagh star. A dazzling film, noisy in parts.

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

Barry Beavers AGM

ON February 1 the Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club will hold their AGM at the Civic Offices at 5.30pm.

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ABOVE: Jack Ollier with his certificate.

WELL done to 14-year-old local schoolboy Jack Ollier.

Jack, who attends Barry Comprehensive, sat his ABRSM grade 8 clarinet exam at the end of last term and was thrilled to discover that he passed with Distinction, scoring almost full marks for his three pieces.

Jack said: "It didn't sink in to start with, not only had I passed grade 8 but that I had passed with Distinction. I can't believe it."

Jack's teacher, Jo Weaving said: "I'm so proud of Jack. He works hard at his music. To gain a distinction at any grade is fantastic, but to be awarded distinction at grade 8, at such a young age, is amazing."

Jack is a member of the County Music Services Youth Orchestra and attends London for monthly piano lessons through part of the Pianoman scholarship scheme.

Jack is working towards grade 8 piano, which he plans to sit in the summer, and is looking forward to starting to work towards his ABRSM performance diploma on the clarinet.

Coastguard team helps casualty with head injuries

The Ambulance Service was on hand to take the man from the helicopter landing site to hospital in Cardiff.

COASTGUARD rescue teams in the Vale don't just react to local emergencies, they often help when there has been an incident elsewhere in Wales.

On Sunday, January 14, Penarth Coastguard Rescue Team had to secure a safe helicopter landing site for the arrival of a casualty from Ceredigion.

A young man from Aberystwyth, who had suffered head injuries, arrived on a flight and was transferred from a helicopter to an ambulance and taken to the University Hospital of Wales.

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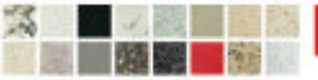

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Secretary of State has grape expectations for 1st Welsh brandy

RICHARD and Sue Norris of Glyndwr Vineyard in Llanblethian have presented the Secretary of State for Wales with the first-ever Welsh brandy.

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Glyndwr Vineyard – Wales' oldest vineyard – produced nearly 1,000 bottles of the brandy and has received interest from Waitrose and five-star resort Celtic Manor.

Upon receiving the first brandy produced in Wales, Welsh Secretary and Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "Visiting Glyndwr Vineyard, it was fascinating to see the craftsmanship that goes into producing their high-quality drinks. All year round, intricate work is undertaken to ensure that by the harvest, the grapes are at their very best and are ready to be fermented to produce their widely popular beverages.

"It is an honour to have been presented with this, the first brandy produced in Wales. Richard and Sue are clearly very passionate about their vineyard and producing drinks to the very highest standard. Glyndwr Vineyard is a fantastic example of Welsh business and is proudly putting the Vale of Glamorgan on the map."

SADDLE UP THE IRON HORSE!

It's the Vintage Tractor Run!

THE Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society is holding its seventh charity tractor run on Sunday, January 21.

Money raised will be donated to the Wales Air Ambulance charity, which has been supported by GIHVS for several years.

Leaving Tondu at 10am, the route planned is to Porthcawl via Pyle, ending at the Salt Lake car park in Porthcawl at 12 noon.

There will be a bucket collection en route and at Porthcawl by volunteers and supporters of the charity.

It is hoped that the charity mascot and model helicopter, which will be towed by the lead tractor, will also be involved.

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Marie Curie seeks volunteers for annual Great Daffodil Appeal

THE Marie Curie Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale (in Penarth) is appealing for volunteers to give two hours of their time to hand out the charity's daffodil pins in the local community, in return for donations.

The terminal illness charity is hoping to get more people than ever wearing the daffodil pin during its annual fundraiser: the Great Daffodil Appeal this February and March.

Marie Curie says that the appeal is urgently needed as one in four people currently don't receive the care and support they need at the end of their life, and with the population getting older, demand on the charity's services is set to increase.

The money raised will help the Marie Curie Hospice in Cardiff and the Vale be there for more people living with a terminal illness, providing them and their loved ones with vital nursing care and support.

Those wishing to volunteer two hours of their time to the Great Daffodil Appeal or to find out more about the appeal, can visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil or call the Cardiff and Vale Fundraising office on 02920 426 068.

Celebrity supporters of the Daffodil Appeal have included Hugh Grant, Linda Robson and the Chuckle Brothers.

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Heavenly bodies in Barry

ASTRONOMERS are inviting members of the public to join them for a free evening of stargazing next month.

Organised in partnership between Barry Astronomical Society and the park ranger service, the event held in the Forest Lodge in Porthkerry Park will include a range of talks and presentations as well as time to observe the sky through telescopes.

The event will begin from 7pm on Friday, February 16 and refreshments and parking will be available.

Booking ahead is recommended, and you can secure your place by emailing Barry Astronomical Society on dave.powell@uwclub.net or visit the website for more information.

Alternatively, you can call site ranger Mel Stewart on 01446 733589.

Charity to mark its 10th anniversary with dinner dance

VALE for Africa is marking 10 years of an international partnership with a district in Uganda by holding a fundraising dinner dance in Cowbridge.

The Vale-based charity, set up in 2008 to link the communities of the Vale and Tororo in eastern Uganda, has delivered a series of projects including an eye care programme, several school schemes including the provision of clean piped water and the Vale for Africa Atlantic College Student Scholarship that enables a student from Uganda to come to Wales for two years to study at the college in St Donats.

The charity's chair, Gareth Kiddie, said: "We are thrilled to be able to mark our tenth anniversary with a big event. It should be a really great event – we have a great setting, an auction and a raffle. It would be good to see as many people as possible get behind our charity. The work we do makes a difference both here and in Uganda."

The black-tie dinner will be held at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, on Friday, March 9. Tickets cost £45 per person and include a three-course dinner and disco.

Find out more about the work of Vale for Africa or buy a ticket at the Vale for Africa website www.valeforafrica.org.uk or on Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vale-for-africa-gala-dinner-dance-tickets-41969153869.

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'THE FUW WILL MAKE A SUCCESS OF BREAKFAST!'

Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales writes a monthly column 'Farming Matters' for The GEM.

LET me first of all wish you all a very happy New Year. The county office has now re-opened and I look forward to seeing our members and helping them with their farming queries throughout the year.

I have no doubt this one will be as exciting as the last, with plenty of #FarmingMatters keeping us busy.

Some of you may have started the year with a New Year's resolution – I know plenty of people who are aiming to get fitter, save money, do this and that, stop this, that and the other.

However, rather than focusing on the negative habits we might have and hope to improve, let's start this year by developing some positive habits: and one thing we can start with immediately is having breakfast.

Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, providing the body and brain with fuel after an overnight fast. Without breakfast, you are effectively running on empty, like trying to start the car without fuel, it's not going to give you the best start to the day.

And if like some of us, you have overindulged a little bit over the festive period, then you will be pleased to hear that research has shown that those who eat breakfast regularly are less likely to be overweight. It might even help you to lose a few extra pounds, because if you have breakfast, you are less likely to reach for high sugar and fatty snacks mid-morning.

In addition to the obvious health benefits, it's also worth remembering that often the best conversations are had while sitting around the table and enjoying good food.

Putting aside just a small amount of time each day to enjoy breakfast together allows us to talk, reflect on recent events, and gives us some time away from the usual everyday distractions before the day starts.

On that note, I would like to invite members of the public to our breakfast on Friday, January 26, at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

It is for charity with a suggested donation of £10

It would be great to see you there, so please call us in the office (01446 774838) to book your seat for breakfast.

AM congratulates honours recipients

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has congratulated Vale residents in The Queen's New Year's Honours list.

People from a variety of backgrounds and professions received high praise for their achievements, including South Wales Central AM David Melding, who was awarded the CBE.

Mr Melding, an Assembly Member since it was established in 1999, is Mr Davies' colleague in South Wales Central and he congratulated his good friend on his "thoroughly deserved" award.

Several Vale residents were awarded MBEs, including former Cowbridge councillor Catherine Clay; Ogmore-By-Sea resident and former Chair of Governors at Ysgol Y Deri, Brian Excell; former headteacher of Severn Primary School in Barry, Elizabeth Morris; Barry resident Gurmit Singh Randhawa for services to promote community cohesion and Barry resident John Voss for services to rugby.

Another Barry resident, Gay Fifield, received the British Empire Medal for services to older people.

Mr Davies praised all recipients for their "outstanding contributions" to public life and for "going above and beyond the call of duty".

He said: "I'd like to congratulate all Vale residents who were recognised in the New Year's Honours List, including my good friend and Assembly colleague David Melding, who has been an outstanding Assembly Member for almost two decades.

"He is a shining example of how to conduct yourself in public life and his CBE is thoroughly deserved.

"Likewise, I have known Catherine Clay in both a personal and political capacity for many years and she was an exceptionally popular member of the community and councillor in Cowbridge.

"Brian Excell and Elizabeth Morris have made significant contributions to education in Penarth and Barry respectively, while Gurmit Randhawa and John Voss have been exceptional in their respective works to promote community cohesion and rugby in Barry.

"Gay Fifield's BEM is fully deserved for her work supporting older people in South Wales and she and all recipients have gone far beyond the call of duty for many years."

Twin crowns for Vale Resort

THE Vale Resort in Hensol has been crowned as both Wales' best golf hotel and best resort spa by the World Travel Awards, an industry awards body that recognises 'excellence in tourism'.

The four-star hotel and leisure venue in the Vale was named Wales' Best Golf Hotel 2017 at the fourth annual World Golf Awards, held at La Manga Club, Spain.

The resort was then named Wales' Best Resort Spa 2017 at the third annual World Spa Awards, held at the JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay, Vietnam.

Both ceremonies are organised by the World Travel Awards, which describes itself as "the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence".

Stephanie Metson, marketing manager at the resort said: "For the Vale Resort to be named in two different award categories in the same year is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work of all of our staff."

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Darkest Hour is arguably Oldman's finest hour in compelling piece of work...

THERE are many fine actors who are yet to collect an Academy Award, and Gary Oldman is one.

Having only picked up his first nomination in 2012 for *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy,* there is every likelihood he will find himself in the running for *Darkest Hour*, where he plays Winston Churchill.

Directed by *Atonement*'s Joe Wright, it tells the story of Churchill's ascension to the role of Prime Minister, whereupon he is thrown headfirst into whether to try and negotiate a peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or stand firm and fight back.

However, Churchill also faces the scepticism of King George VI (Ben Mendehlson) and the plotting of his own party behind his back, and with his wife Clemmie (Kristin Scott Thomas) to confide in, he faces up to what will be the greatest test of his leadership...

There's an unofficial film rule that says that if you wear prosthetics in an Oscar-worthy film, then you're always guaranteed an Oscar nomination.

On make-up alone, then, Gary Oldman should find his name read out along with the rest of the best actor nominees, but to base it on prosthetics alone would diminish what is an absolute tour-de-force performance, one that fires up and dominates a wholly engaging and engrossing film.

It's a film essentially about men talking about war, sat in wood-panelled rooms with light cascading through cigarette smoke, but Oldman's firebrand turn, coupled with Joe Wright's superb direction, gives the film verve, energy and life that many films of this ilk struggle to show (perhaps most notably last summer's *Churchill* which treads similar terrain).

The appetite for meaty, dialogue-heavy stories about politics (as evidenced by *House of Cards*' success) is seemingly a strong one, and Anthony McCarten's script is one that captures both the tensions of wartime, as Europe faces being on the brink of being swallowed up by Nazi Germany, and politics, as Churchill ascends to the role of Prime Minister and soon faces challenges to his own leadership.

While the film focuses on the story at hand, taking place over a concentrated period (given added urgency by onscreen text that shows the passing of time) it also dips a toe into the background of the characters and the country, whether it's Churchill's perceived poor judgement at Gallipoli or King George's mistrust of Churchill due to his support of Edward VIII in his dalliance with Wallis Simpson, giving depth and colour to the plot.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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The dialogue fizzes by with weight, heavy-going but wholly engaging, and watching some wonderful actors tackling these characters and sinking their teeth into the verbal jousting means you can never take your eyes off the screen.

Oldman's turn rightly deserves the most praise, disappearing into the gruff Churchill and nailing his mannerisms and personality while also offering more than just imitation.

Of course, the prosthetics help the process, but Oldman is still more than present, a rambunctious and driven man intent on tackling the threat of Hitler without ceding to the notion of peace talks. The 'Black Dog' occasionally descends, giving you more of the man rather than the persona, which Oldman effortlessly conveys, and the balance between the man and the myth is well captured.

Around him are superb turns – Kristin Scott Thomas as his maligned and ever-supportive wife is pithy, always ready to talk him down; Lily James' secretary gives a face to the concerns of the public;

Ben Mendehlson's performance is understated and really lights up when opposite Oldman, while Stephen Dillane's Lord Halifax makes for a shifty man behind the curtain, determined to undermine Churchill for his own ends.

Joe Wright's direction is also incredible, taking what could be stuffy and stagey and really imbuing it with energy and flair. Whether it's the graphics noting the passing of time, the zoom shots that bring you into and out of the action, or the way that the camera just effortlessly glides through the corridors of power, Wright shows that after a few wobbles, he is most certainly back in the game, this his best work since *Atonement*.

Darkest Hour could have been that most common of films, one dragged up by a mesmeric lead performance, but Oldman's turn is simply the gateway into a wholly captivating piece of work, one that offers so much more and keeps you absorbed from the start.

VERDICT: A simply mesmerising film, with a true story very well told, *Darkest Hour* is anchored by Gary Oldman's magnificent performance but is so much more than that. A raft of strong turns and Joe Wright's energetic direction turn what could have been a staid piece of work into something vibrant and compelling. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Lincoln* (2012), *Dunkirk* (2017).

Toy and Train Sale

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WHAT'S ON IN YOUR AREA

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, January 18 Cowbridge Art Society welcomes local art tutor Sarah Davies who will give a demonstration using gouache and ink.

Sarah is an art graduate and graphic designer who is a highly versatile artist and experienced tutor, who always delivers interesting demonstrations.

On Thursday, January 25 there will be an illustrated lecture on a number of Welsh artists by Claire Hiett. These meetings start the 2018 season for the Art Society and during the rest of the spring term we will hold demonstrations by artists whose work is displayed throughout Europe, such as Mark Youd, Carol Kibble, Rupert Aker, Theo Crutchley-Mack and Vernon Jones.

There will also be two assisted workshops where specific activities will be directed by experienced tutors.

The society welcomes artists of any level, and also non-artists to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

We meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, January 20 from 9.30am to 11.30am. Residents who have any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Messy Church in Bonvilston

THE Messy Church comes to the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) on Sunday, January 21 from 2.30pm – 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters and toddlers (with parents) – there will be fun activities, lots of crafty things to make, a Bible story, a bit of singing and plenty of refreshments.

If you haven't been before, why not give it a go?

Further information from Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020; Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Energy advice

WANT free and impartial advice on cutting your energy bills? Find out if you are eligible for a Home Improvement Grant through The Welsh Government NEST Programme at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, January 23.

No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information. If you need a home visit, call 0808 8082244.

Gardening Club

THE Cowbridge Gardening Club will meet again on Thursday, January 25, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall. The speaker will be Chris Gwilym who will talk on 'Hints From the Allotment'; new members welcome.

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Pub lunches and caravan parks for the Penarth and District Ramblers

TWO contrasting coastal walks for Penarth and District Ramblers in the rather muddy Vale of Glamorgan and the Gower peninsula took place recently and had the common theme of a pub lunch halfway round.

William and his party of 13 set out from Porthkerry Country Park in dry weather, but strong winds, to make their way up to Port Road and entering muddy and waterlogged fields, reached Penmark for morning coffee in the churchyard of St Mary's, originally the Garrison Church for the Umfreville family from Penmark Castle.

Heading along part of Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail and around the perimeter fence of Cardiff Airport, a road walk led them to East Aberthaw to meet up with two more members.

The welcoming thatched Blue Anchor Inn, which dates back to 1380 when smuggling was rife in the area, provided not only shelter, but a delightful lunch. Gaining one more member bringing their number to 15, they set off through Pleasant Harbour up the cliff steps from Andrew's Pant, where the steps have been repaired and a new culvert installed recently by the Vale Council after flood damage. They then went into Fontygary Caravan Park, for a rendition of 'Ships and Stars' by WH Davies from William. Passing the old limestone quarries, Rhoose Point and the Bulwarks Iron Age Fort, a descent through woodland led them back to their start.

After a very frosty start, Robin and his spaniel Pepper were joined by 16 walkers at Rhossili overlooking the mighty Worms Head. Lit up with sunshine and with the tide ebbing, they descended steps set into the steep cliff, with grand views of Rhossili Bay and the remote white-painted Old Rectory, set high on a plateau above the beach.

Peeping out from the ebbing waves is some wood; a stark reminder of a shipwreck in 1887, when the Norwegian *Helvetia* with its cargo of wood became stuck at Rhossili after losing its anchor in rough seas. The crew were ordered to abandon the ship, which subsequently broke up.

After a short pause for warm drinks, the group made their way across the three mile stretch of sand and onto the cliff at Spaniard Rocks, while gazing at waves crashing against Burry Holm.

The track led on through Broughton Farm Caravan Park into a field, uphill to a road, then around the muddy lower slopes of Llanmadoc Hill to the King's Head in Llangennith for a welcome sit down and a hot lunch.

Heading past the church dedicated to St Cenydd and sloshing through mud and water, a climb led them up onto Rhossili Down with its glorious views of the whole of Gower, before a descent back to Rhossili for the journey home.

On January 20, meet at 9am at Redbrink Crescent, Barry Island (above Jackson's Bay) for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in urban streets, cliffs, a country park and sandy beaches; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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News from the Fonmon Apiary by Harold Williams

The problems of passing on bees to a new keeper

STRONG winds, heavy rain and decidedly lower temperatures are confining the bees to their hives.

This inclement weather has allowed me to bring down the swarm box from its position up in the nearby tree. A strip of masking tape was secured across the entrance to prevent any occupants from emerging and as the base, main body and lid are all firmly secured as one unit, the possibility of it coming apart would and did not happen.

There was plenty of weight to the box and this signifies that there are stores within and, of course, bees. The box is now in the apiary on a stand with the masking tape removed and a proper roof on it. Here it will rest undisturbed until warmer days arrive.

With spring on the horizon and, hopefully, rising temperatures, I hope to see bees emerging from all of the hives in the apiary and in particular, from the swarm box.

As always, the weather will be the determining factor when the opening of the swarm box bees is undertaken, their transfer to a proper hive will be interesting to say the least, and it is my intention to hand them on to a beginner.

Hopefully, the new beekeeper will be with me when all of this takes place.

Apart from acquiring a first colony of bees, the new beekeeper will become familiar with bee handling techniques, plus being able to view what occurs when a swarm of bees is not rehoused promptly.

Will all go to plan? Who knows! Having removed bees from a variety of locations in the past is a plus, but things can, and do, go wrong. All being well, this event will prove of value to our new beekeeper.

Come April, the courses run by the Cardiff Society will get underway and there is no shortage of people wishing to get involved with the beekeeping world.

The theory of beekeeping Part 1 and Part 2 will be a hands on event. The opening and the manipulation of a hive of bees is not to everyone's taste and if you are not comfortable with the opening of a hive, then you will never be a beekeeper.

I am looking forward to the start of another season and some weather that will allow the bees to pursue their pollinating activity.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Does anyone have more information on the *1915* Christmas truces?

THE article 'St Cyres pupils' tribute to World War One Christmas Truce' (The GEM, January 4) reminded readers of the well-documented 1914 Christmas Truces at various sections of the front line, and referred to truces at Christmas 1915 – unfortunately without giving any details.

Reference was made to football matches that took place. Does anyone have any details about the 1915 truces and any evidence regarding the football matches?

Where did they take place? When did they take place? Who played, who scored goals, and were the referees British or German?

Were there any photographs or film of the matches?

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Eco-blogger's new beach clean idea launches in Barry this Saturday

Aoife Blight will be at the launch of 'Barry Island #2minutebeachclean' this Saturday.

Visitors to the Island can use the equipment at the 'Love the beach, don't spoil it' board to help clean the environment.

THIS Saturday sees the launch of 'Barry Island #2minutebeachclean' which the organiser hopes will be a step towards making Barry a fully-fledged 'eco town'.

The inspiration behind the campaign is Aoife Blight who runs a social media account 'Zero Waste Cardiff'.

But Aoife's latest initiative involves Barry.

She explained: "I recently represented the #2MinuteBeachClean on BBC 1's *Let's Get a Good Thing Going*.

"The show was broadcast just before Christmas and showcased community initiatives in Barry.

"We presented our community project to a crowd in the hope of winning funding to get our project up and running.

"Mine was to bring the #2minutebeachclean to Barry Island and I was lucky enough to win."

Aoife's concept is simple: it involves an A-frame board that has all of the information people need to do a safe and quick litter pick when they're on the beach.

She said: "I was also able to buy litter pickers and gloves so that people can take part with ease.

"The board encourages people to get involved with keeping their natural spaces free from marine and general litter.

"It gives people an immediate sense of well-being as well as helping prevent litter from floating out to sea. There is a massive problem with plastic in the oceans and this is one small way that everyone can contribute to a solution.

"We're launching the official Barry Island #2minutebeachclean board this Saturday at midday.

"It will be positioned at the entrance to Whitmore Bay opposite Marco's Cafe."

Aoife has been supported by the Vale Council but also by local businesses. She said: "O'Shea's cafe has been particularly supportive and are helping me to take care of the board and litter picking equipment."

Aoife added: "We believe that this is the first step towards making Barry an 'eco' town.

Plaid concern over council house delays

PLAID Cymru councillors have expressed concern at delays in developing new council houses in Barry after plans for 11 houses near Skomer Road were delayed.

A new report for the Vale Council's homes and safe communities committee says that "no tenders submitted by any of the contractors were competitively priced or passed the tender bid analysis. This scheme is currently back out to tender".

Plans for the 11 council houses were approved by the Vale Council planning committee in July last year.

The report also says that the council is continuing with plans for Brecon Court, the former housing site on Cornwall Road, near Barry Town Football Club, whose 32 flats were demolished due to structural problems.

Plaid Cymru's Cllr Ian Johnson, who is on the Vale Council's planning committee, said: "The Vale Council has made quite a fanfare about finally building new council homes, so these are very disappointing delays.

"Whenever plans for blocks of flats are brought forward for the centre of Barry, the council's housing team remind us of the serious need for affordable accommodation – but when the council themselves are responsible for building houses there are delays.

"For example, problems with Brecon Court were raised nearly five years ago, in 2013. Why are we still awaiting plans for this site? When will the Skomer Road site be developed to provide much needed council family homes?"

Cllr Millie Collins, who is on the homes and safe communities committee, added: "Everybody deserves a good quality home. At the committee, I will be asking officers for their timetable in building these houses and flats on Skomer Road and Brecon Court, and asking for an explanation about why these unacceptable delays have occurred."

Mike Ingram, head of housing and building services, said: "The council recently restarted council house construction and the first properties in this programme were delivered in September.

"Eleven new homes are planned for Holm View, but unfortunately it was not initially possible to reach agreement with a suitable developer so the project had to be retendered. Acceptable tenders have now been received and work is set to begin in April.

"Significant work has already taken place at Brecon Court, where old buildings have been demolished and preparatory work carried out ahead of the site's development.

"After public consultation, plans have been agreed and a formal planning application will be submitted in March. It is anticipated construction works will start soon after."

A belated thank you from Trinity Methodist Church

PENARTH local Ceri-Lou Newman would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the 'Spirit of Christmas' gift appeal and the Trinity Methodist Church Christmas Day luncheon in Penarth.

Enormous thanks go to the many kind hearted volunteers who gave up part of their Christmas Day to help put on this much valued event. Ceri-Lou and her mother Ro Newman have been involved with the event for over 15 years and it is a major undertaking.

"The luncheon is a huge project and takes so many people behind the scenes to make it happen. We have teams of cooks, drivers, waiters, washers-up, people setting up the room the day before, others providing entertainment in addition to all the man-hours of administration it takes to organise the day. We really appreciate people giving their time to ensure others are not spending the day alone but in festive fellowship with others and enjoying a lovely afternoon."

People across the Vale really got behind the project which was launched in November and were so generous in their donations, with over 300 presents being collected. Parcels of presents and many other gifts of toiletries, chocolates and tins of biscuits were given to Barry Hospital, the Foodbank in Penarth and nominated individuals who would not otherwise receive a gift.

Ceri-Lou would also like to thank Jayne and Clare Walker, Leynie Pearn and her mother Ro for their valuable assistance.

MP to raise car park issues with council

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has told The GEM he will raise traders' concerns over how car parks are operated on Barry Island with the Vale Council leader John Thomas.

A local trader said he had approached Mr Cairns asking him to look into car park confusion on the Island.

The trader, who did not want to be identified, explained: "Last Sunday, Nell's Point car park which has 850 spaces only had around 200 places available, and it was rammed.

"The top end of the car park with 400 spaces was locked, and part of the car park with 250 spaces is currently blocked off with boulders.

"In fact, there may have been fewer than 200 places available because some are coach bays and people are worried about parking in them in case they get a ticket."

The trader said he was concerned that there should be economic growth on the Island and that a lack of parking spaces would affect it.

He claimed the council might have netted another £1,000 for the day if 400 spaces had been available.

Vale MP Alun Cairns said he took Island traders' concerns very seriously.

"The prosperity of Barry Island is pivotal to the entire town's economic growth.

"It is down to the unfaltering hard work of the Island traders that it continues to thrive at all times of the year. This must not be threatened. Accessible parking must be on offer in order to accommodate those visitors who wish to enjoy all that Barry Island has to offer.

"I have secured a meeting with the Leader of the Vale Council at the beginning of February where I will be raising this with him directly and presenting to him the concerns of Barry Island traders in order that a solution can be reached."

POLICE KEEN TO LOCATE BARRY MAN

SOUTH Wales Police are keen to locate Bradie Shkensberg.

A spokesperson said: "We'd like to speak to the 26-year-old in connection with a number of assaults.

"Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact 101, quoting reference 1700518005."

Cwtch gets a hand from Rotary Club

THE Rotary Club of Barry donated Christmas presents to Cwtch, a local support group for mothers who have children with additional needs.

Cwtch is run by Louise Dyer and has 10 families who regularly attend. Rotary Club members were assisted by Bailey Sloan, who gave out presents dressed as Santa.

The Rotary Club of Barry would like to thank Bailey and the general public for their support.

Car key found

A PEUGEOT car key was found around December 22-23 in the playground at the top of Conway Drive, Cwm Talwg, Barry.

If this is yours, call 01446 401917.

Leekes Llantrisant report positive Boxing Day sales

POST-Christmas sales surged at Leekes Llantrisant as shoppers enjoyed the extensive seasonal savings on offer in the Boxing Day sale at the home department store.

The retailer posted strong first day sales figures at their Biggest Ever Half Price sale with customers particularly taking advantage of significant savings across the furniture ranges. In addition, branded electrical products such as Smeg and Dyson vacuum cleaners proved popular as did traditionally popular offers on saucepan sets, towels, duvets and pillows and luggage.

The retailer has invested heavily with the introduction of new displays from brands such as Alexander & James and Mammoth beds.

Commenting on the success of the start to the sale Emma Leeke, managing director at Leekes, said: "During the past year we have extended the range of products available in store, providing customers with a greater choice and the ability to offer exceptional savings across a wide range of departments.

"Sales, which were hit in the immediate aftermath of the snap election earlier this year, have bounced back in recent months which in part is due to our wide range of leading brands including G Plan Upholstery, Stressless, Rest Assured and Ercol as well as our own exclusive ranges.

"Our installations departments; kitchens, bathrooms and conservatories, windows and doors, have received a high number of leads which would indicate that many of our customers are possibly choosing to improve not move and are planning New Year home projects.

"There has also been a notable increase in the number of online visitors to our website on Christmas Day and Boxing Day as customers research the best buys online choosing either to purchase there or pop into store to bag a bargain. Alongside the rest of the high street, this is an area experiencing significant sales growth."

For more information on Leekes, visit www.leekes.co.uk

Bridge Club results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for January 15 are as follows.

First: Debbie and Simon Richards 65.12 per cent; second: Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 62.35 per cent; third: Glyn Williams and Vida Halford 61.73 per cent.

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Vocational Awards 2018 launches

THE search has begun for employers, students and trainers across Wales who have used technical, practical and vocational qualifications to achieve success.

Categories in the Vocational Qualification (VQ) Awards in Wales include Employer of the Year, Learner of the Year (Intermediate), Learner of the Year (Higher) and Trainer of the Year, which was introduced successfully for the first time in 2017.

Nominations close on March 2. For more information about the awards and to download a nomination form visit www.vqday.wales.

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From left: group member Jenny, Emily, and Mary Grey.

Bouquets raise cash for Bobath

LLANCARFAN Flower Arranging group raised a fantastic £875 for Bobath Wales by making hand-crafted wreaths for Christmas.

The group, run by Mary Grey, met at Llancarfan village hall in December to create the made-to-order wreaths. Charging £20 each, the talented group decked out the local area in attractive Christmas decorations.

They were also joined by local MP Alun Cairns who said: "Watching the skill and care that goes into the design of these wreaths, it is easy to see why these decorations are highly popular with residents."

The Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales, that Mary and her group were raising money for, provides specialist therapy and treatment to children living with cerebral palsy and gives families the support they need too.

Cerebral palsy is one of the most common disabilities in children and affects an estimated 1,800 children in Wales. It affects how children move, speak and interact with others.

Emily Anthony, events co-ordinator at Bobath Wales, would like to thank Mary and her group for raising money for the charity. "We are absolutely delighted with the amount of money raised for us over Christmas by the Llancarfan Flower Arranging group.

"It was a privilege to meet Jenny and Mary to talk to them about the work we do here at the Children's Therapy Centre. We look forward to working with the group again in the future."

If you would like to get involved with fundraising for Bobath Wales, email fundraising@bobathwales.org, visit www.bobathwales.org or call 02920 522600 to speak to one of the team.

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AM calls for Wales to be 'global leader in equality' but...

JANE HUTT is calling for more effort to be put into ensuring that men and women are treated equally.

The Vale AM raised the issue at the National Assembly, where she asked First Minister Carwyn Jones what the Welsh Government is doing to mark the centenary of women's suffrage.

She said the World Economic Forum (WEF) has reported that for the first time since 2006 there has been a year-on-year worsening of the gender gap.

The report is not limited to Wales or the UK, but ranks 144 countries by economic opportunities, education, political participation and health.

Nordic countries remain among some of the world's best for overall equality. Iceland tops the list with a 12-per cent gender gap across all the WEF's measures. Norway, Finland ands Sweden are all in the top five.

Women in the Middle East and North Africa fared the worst, with war-torn Yemen coming bottom of the list with a gender equality score of 52 per cent.

Ms Hutt said: "The group predicts that it would take a century to close all areas of equality that it monitors globally – well up from the 83 years predicted in 2016.

"They predict that women will have to wait 217 years before they earn as much as men and are equally represented in the workplace."

She asked Mr Jones if he would join her in backing Chwarae Teg's goal of making Wales a 'global leader in gender equality through its fair play employer benchmark' and also include this principle in the Government's economic action plan.

Mr Jones said the Government will be fully involved in the UK-wide celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act 1918.

He told Ms Hutt: "More details about how we will mark that centenary throughout the course of this year will be made available this month."

Report by Mike Prosser

Wales' gender pay gap 'widest in Bridgend'

WELSH First Minister Carwyn Jones has been challenged over the fact that the pay gap between men and women is wider in his constituency of Bridgend than anywhere else in Wales.

Conservative AM Janet Finch-Saunders raised the issue with Mr Jones at the National Assembly.

She said that 100 years after women obtained the vote and almost 50 years after the Equal Pay Act 1970, it is outrageous that Wales still has a gender pay differential gap of "around 13 per cent".

Ms Finch-Saunders told Mr Jones: "Interestingly enough, the highest pay gap in Wales is in your own constituency, Bridgend, where it stands at a staggering 27 per cent.

"What actions are you taking or have you taken, perhaps looking at your own constituency, to address this, but more widely across Wales?

"You are the First Minister, and you are ultimately responsible for ensuring that there is genuine equality across Wales for both men and women."

Mr Jones said the Welsh Government had introduced a public sector equality duty in 2011 to address pay and employment differences, and specifically gender pay differences.

He told Ms Finch-Saunders: "Those duties apply in Wales. They're broad, encompassing the need to understand and address the causes of pay differences for all people.

"Improving women's place in the workforce is a long-term structural change. We know there is more to do through programmes such as our Agile Nation 2 project, run by Chwarae Teg.

"We are seeing that, with the right training and support, we can help women move into management and into senior roles.

"Of course, the economic action plan will be informed by the recommendations that come through from the fair work board."

Mike Prosser

Christ College Brecon celebrates excellent inspection report

LEADING independent school Christ College, Brecon, has been judged as 'excellent' in all five inspection areas in its latest Estyn report.

The report, carried out by Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales last term, judged Christ College's current performance as 'excellent' in all five inspection areas.

The areas were: standards; wellbeing and attitude to learning; teaching and learning experiences; care, support and guidance; and leadership and management.

In the report, the school's overall teaching and learning experiences were described as 'excellent', with dedicated and well-qualified teachers offering a 'broad and balanced curriculum'. It also noted that 'the sixth form pupils' performance at A level over the last three years is 'outstanding'.

Estyn reported: "Most pupils feel safe, secure, and exceptionally well cared for. Nearly all pupils have an infectious pride in their school, and demonstrate a very caring, compassionate and supportive attitude towards each other and to the adults around them."

Inspectors also praised the "rich sense of community and belonging in which nearly all pupils flourish in their academic, personal, social and emotional development", and described the teachers as "particularly effective role models for pupils' social and academic skills.

Leadership at all levels was commended for "contributing extremely well to the strong sense of community and commitment to share values and aims that pervade the school."

Gareth Pearson, headteacher at Christ College, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of the report. I would like to thank the Inspectors for their assessment, which reflects the dedication of all our staff. Our pupils' aspirations, achievements and well-being are our everyday priorities, and this excellent report will help us continue to improve."

Regularly investing in new facilities, Christ College recently inaugurated a refurbished Sixth Form Centre, and their newly refurbished swimming pool is now available to use all year round.

Praise for college's aerospace course

A DEGREE course in Aircraft Engineering offered by Cardiff and Vale College has been praised in an external examiner's report.

CAVC offers a BSc (Hons) course in aircraft engineering in partnership with Kingston University in London. Aimed at students who wish to pursue a career in aircraft maintenance, the innovative programme teaches the knowledge and practical skills needed to gain a degree qualification and also covers work detailed in the European Safety Agency category B1.1 aircraft maintenance engineering licence syllabus (part-66).

An external examiner's report into the course noted: "Students on this course are fortunate to have access to first class teaching and training aids in the form of aircraft, engines, well-constructed system rigs and visual aids. Without doubt complemented by highly skilled and enthusiastic staff."

Aircraft engineering lecturer Allan Higman said: "It is very pleasing that the hard work and efforts made by the staff to provide an excellent degree, and the response by the students to produce the work the external examiners have commented upon, have been recognised from well respected industrial and academic experts."

Welsh Government's 'disappointing' reply to MP's call to follow microbead ban

THE UK Government's ban on the manufacture of products containing microbeads came into force last week. The ban means that from January 9, it will be illegal to manufacture products containing these tiny pieces of plastic, and a ban on their sale comes into force in July.

The Welsh Government is, however, yet to follow suit.

Microbeads are designed to be washed down the drain, which inevitably leads to the contamination of sea water, posing a danger to marine life and their habitats.

Traditionally, cosmetic and skin-care products contain microbeads in order to enhance the 'scrub-off' abilities of the product. However, these microbeads, which often appear in face scrubs, toothpastes and shower gels, can prove harmful to marine life, which are at risk of consuming these small pieces of plastic.

The announcement comes as part of the UK Government's strategy to protect marine life and crack down on plastic pollution.

The Welsh Government is yet to apply the microbead ban in Wales, as it continues to consult on the matter.

Vale MP and Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns is calling on the Welsh Government to follow the UK Government's lead as early as possible in order that the ban may be applied in Wales.

The Welsh Government has announced that "following the agreement of UK Ministers to ban products containing plastic microbeads designed to be washed down the drain, we are consulting on proposals to ban their manufacture and sale from June 2018 [and] make their manufacture, supply or sale a punishable offence."

Mr Cairns has described the Welsh Government's statement as "disappointing" and said: "In light of the UK Government's exciting landmark announcement to ban microbeads, it disappoints me that yet again the Welsh Government are behind the curve. The protection which this ban will provide to marine life is, to me, a clear and unequivocal indicator that it is the right step to take, and I am delighted that the UK Government is at the forefront of international efforts to crack down on plastic pollution.

"It is, however, a shame that the Welsh Government continues to ponder the importance of this decision to safeguard our marine life.

"As the MP for an area which boasts some of the UK's most beautiful coastline, I strongly urge that the Welsh Government applies the microbead ban in Wales as a matter of urgency."

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PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT at the Town Council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry on Thursday, January 18 at 6.30pm.

Gibbonsdown PACT at the Residents' Board Coychurch Rise, Barry on Tuesday, January 23 at 10.30am.

Come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Come along to the Barry Library to meet your local officers on Tuesday, January 30 between 10am and 12 noon.

Meet Your Local Officer at Penarth Police Station on Thursday, January 25 between 4.30pm and 5.30pm; officers will be on hand to chat about any issues that may be affecting your quality of life.

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- **Client/customer satisfaction**
- **Sustainable and technical innovation.**
- **Access for people with special adaptations**
- **Small Domestic, Housing and Commercial projects**

BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS who use the building regulation service of the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be attending the 15th Building Excellence Awards dinner, organised through the Building Control Group of the Council at The Vale Resort Golf Club, Hensol on Friday, January 19.

Nominations for the awards are made by the council's Building Control surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects as they progress on site, through to the completion of the work.

Victoria Robinson, Operational Manager for Planning and Building Control, says:

"The nominations go to show yet again that there are several excellent examples of high-quality construction projects that have been undertaken within the Vale of Glamorgan. Ensuring that buildings are constructed in accordance with current building regulations, requires a very high standard of workmanship. The builders nominated this year have proven that they can meet this requirement. I hope we continue to build upon the success of last year's awards, with all who take part having the ultimate aim of getting to The National Awards, in London in November this year."

Head of Regeneration and Planning, Marcus Goldsworthy emphasises: "Development of any size impacts upon our surroundings and the day-to-day lives of all of us. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying, not only the customer needs, but also of meeting the terms of the legislation.

"The Building Awards will provide all those involved with well-deserved recognition for consistently carrying out work of a high standard.

"These awards are so important to recognise those builders and developers who are excelling and producing top quality schemes, which can compete on a national level.

"The awards also help those looking to appoint new contractors to focus on those builders and contractors who are considered to be the very best in their field."

COUNCIL'S THANKS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council would also like to thank all the sponsors of this event, without whom it would not be possible to recognise the builders and developers whose quality of work is making a positive difference to the environment of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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Winners of the Vale of Glamorgan event will go forward to the LABC South Wales 'Building Awards' dinner that will be held at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf & Spa Resort, Hensol, on Friday April 27, 2018.

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EXTENSIONS/ALTERATIONS

Address:
PARK ROAD, PENARTH
Contractor:
Oakwood Property Developments
Agent:
1010 Architects

Proposal: Single storey extension to form kitchen, lounge and ancillary accommodation.

The proposal is for a single storey extension to the rear of the property to form a family area, shower room, utility & boot room.

The remainder of the layout has been remodelled to give the building a more open feel and improved views of the rear enclosed garden. The builder has kept in contact with Building Control throughout the scheme.

The building has been finished to a high standard giving the owners a remodelled property with a modern twist.

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Address:
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Agent: **1010 Architects**
Contractor: **S J Building Contractors**

A very well designed and built project. Parts of the existing building were demolished and removed, however some parts of the existing building walls remained in place, these had to be propped up to ensure they were safe whilst building the new extension.

New steels and glulam beams were fitted which entailed quite extensive work to make sure all the angles of the steels were correct, so that they all fitted into place without a hitch.

Underfloor heating was fitted throughout and was tiled to continue out onto the garden patio area.

Throughout the project, the builder and building control surveyor has shown very good teamwork and technical innovation.

As you can see (right), the extension is a totally different height to the garden so the steps were formed with matching tiles throughout the extension and down into the garden to give a continuous look of flow. Extension roof tiles were sourced to match the existing building to keep in with the original look and once the project was completed, the existing kitchen was refitted.

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Address:
EASTGATE, COWBRIDGE
Agent:
Robertson Francis Partnership
Contractor:
Bastion Developments Limited

This early 1800s' Grade II listed property was in desperate need of renovation and modernisation after falling into a poor state of repair in recent years. Fortunately, the developer was eager to restore the building and preserve the life of the associated history.

The development included a new roof, loft conversion, rear ground floor extension and a detached garage with billiards room above.

The project also included some internal remodelling work which helps the property suit modern day living requirements. The developers desire to achieve the highest level of quality was evident from the start.

Each element of the project was executed to exceed the minimum requirements of the Building Regulations to ensure the best possible end result. The addition of the rear extension brings a modern feel to the kitchen area, and much-needed natural light, whilst complementing the existing building externally. The building is finished to an exceptional standard throughout.

The close working relationship between the developer and the Building Control department meant any issues were resolved with ease.

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NEW INDIVIDUAL HOMES

Address: **BRYNHEULOG, WELSH ST DONATS**

Contractor: **Lumber Construction & Glyn Oakley**

Agent: **Robertson Francis Partnership**

Proposal: Replacement of a five bedroom dwelling

The development consisted of a replacement five bedroom dwelling. The contractor recycled all of the existing masonry and concrete from the existing dwelling for use as hardcore below the floor slab of the new dwelling, with the remaining materials recycled off-site.

The development required excellent communication between all parties due to the build being carried out by two contractors who delivered an excellent building finished to an extremely high standard with plenty of character.

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Address: **PEN CARREG, BONVILSTON**

Agent: **Evolution Building Design**

Contractor: **KPS Construction Ltd**

This development consists of a three storey five bedroom self-build dwelling.

Using a well balanced mix of stone, smooth render, natural slates and large glazed sections this property seamlessly blends into its open countryside surroundings.

The construction of the basement and swimming pool required a large engineering operation.

So much rock was excavated that it was re-used on site to stone face the large retaining wall to the front.

The contractor overcame several potential problems during the build with ease. This is testament to the contractor's professional approach from start to finish.

The relationship between the contractor and the department went from strength to strength through the build, this contributed to the contractor delivering a fully compliant dwelling finished to the highest standard.

NEW CONVERSIONS

Address: **TY CAPEL, RHOOSE**

Contractor/Applicant: **Jeff Wilcox**

Proposal: Conversion of chapel to 4 bed dwelling

The building was steadily falling into a state of disrepair until the Chapel was bought by the current owner who invested heavily in the renovation of the building.

Ty Capel was sympathetically renovated with stone and brick features conserved and also window detailing maintained. Internally, the original timber A-frame trusses and ironmongery are left exposed to add character.

The building was well insulated to bring up to modern standards with aluminium partitions erected and filled with sound insulation.

Means of escape was an issue as the existing windows were not large enough; this was overcome by protecting the route and automatic fire detection.

The owner/developer worked well with Vale Building Control, keeping the department well informed, asking questions and submitting proposals before carrying out work.

Jeff Wilcox

is pleased to be nominated for The Vale of Glamorgan Building Awards 2018 in

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NEW CONVERSIONS

Address:
ASHBY HOUSE, MAENDY

Agent:
Peter Jenkins Architects

Contractor:
Mr M & Mrs C Long

Each of the stages provided us with challenges, from recruiting contractors, negotiations with the Planning Authorities and Utility Companies, overcoming unique obstacles inevitably linked to the renovation of a very old and historical building.

There was a significant amount of Welsh slate slab within the building which was reutilised on the paths around the Chapel.

We found that an open and honest working relationship with the Planning Department and Building Control ensured the integrity of the renovation, with valuable knowledge and technical advice provided to ensure the best outcome possible.

"The building had been empty for many years. Indeed, it was as if the door had been locked and the congregation had left, planning to return the follow day … with bibles on the pulpit, Sunday school books and papers in the schoolroom, and the pews awaiting their next occupants. Unfortunately, following the major damp ingress, most of the wood in the chapel had rotted..."

SMALL NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Address:
SEA LAWNS, OGMORE-BY-SEA

Agent:
Buckle Chamberlain Partnership

Contractor:
W K Plasterers

Applicant:
Acorn Property Group

Proposal: Seven New Apartments Development

The two storey apartment block was constructed from a single skin, lightweight aluminium frame clad with composite boards.

Having this system implemented meant that the overall embodied energy and carbon foot-print of the build was greatly decreased.

The high quality finish of the apartments included vaulted ceilings, open plan layouts and large amounts of glazing to the south elevation to make the most of the views over Ogmore Beach.

WK Plasterers worked very well with LABC, keeping in contact regularly for advice and never missing inspections.

Any anomalies were swiftly rectified and the result has been a beautiful, high quality build.

EDUCATION BUILDING

Address:
UWC ATLANTIC COLLEGE, ST DONATS

Agent:
Lawray Architects, Cardiff

Contractor:
John Weaver Contractors Ltd

Construction on land adjacent to the existing tennis courts.

A two storey building to include sports hall, changing facilities, gym, and dance studio at ground floor, with a viewing gallery, small student office, cafe area and external terrace at first floor area.

John Weavers Building Contractors worked very well with Vale of Glamorgan Building Control, keeping the department informed at every stage and rectifying any defective work quickly and effectively.

Lawray Architects also worked well with the department at plan vetting stage, amending any design flaws in accordance with recommendations to provide a building control compliant design that exceeded the basic requirements.

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NEW SOCIAL HOUSING

Address:
DOCHDWY ROAD, LLANDOUGH

Agent:
CFW Architects, Cardiff

Contractor: **M&J Cosgrove Construction Ltd**

Applicant: **Hafod Housing Association**

New Social Housing Development for Hafod Housing Association

The proposal consists of a three storey block of apartments for Hafod Housing Association built on a sloping site in Llandough.

The scheme was as a partnership scheme between Cardiff Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The lower GF level has been constructed behind a curved retaining wall.

The main structure of the building is high quality timber framing, the timber was obtained from a renewable source covered by a recognised accreditation scheme i.e. Forestry Stewardship.

The liaison between the builder and Vale Building Control was excellent throughout and the work was consequently inspected at all relevant stages, ensuring the required fire precautions, both active and passive, were correctly installed.

The project was completed and handed over on time ready for occupation by the owner's tenants. The complete building has resulted in a high standard finish and happy tenants.

NEW SMALL COMMERCIAL BUILD

Address: **ON THE ROCKS, SWANBRIDGE**

Agent:
A J Design Associates

Contractor:
Gordon Hadfield

The building has been formed using traditional methods incorporating a steel frame, beam and block roof and faced with beach pebbles.

The work has been carried out by the owners on site team which has resulted in a well supervised scheme. Building control have been involved throughout the project and were called in to discuss all potential problems.

The completed project has resulted in an unusual scheme which looks like a ship's bridge and has been finished to produce the Pink Floyd Bar, (the owner's favourite band).

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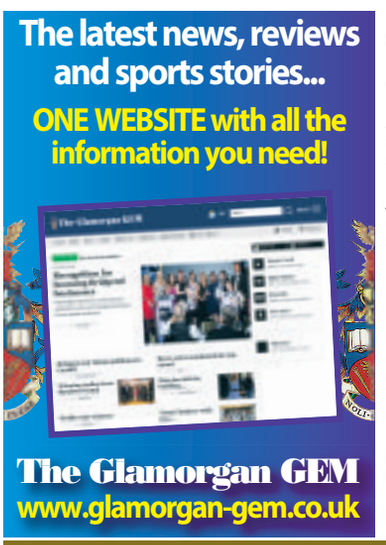

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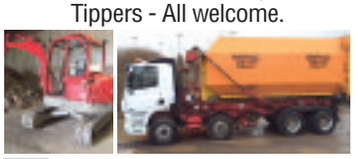

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Barry Comprehensive's panto brings to life Snow White and the Seven(ish) Dwarves

Prince Charming (Ashleigh Millard) leading his entourage through the forest in search of the magical unicorn. PHOTOS by SCOTT NELSON

Tinkerbell, Chewbacca, Evil Queen and the Palace dog played by Shaun Lee Chapman.

THE drama department at Barry Comprehensive School would like to thank everyone who came along and supported their exceptional cast in their very last staff and student pantomime recently.

The pantomime has been an annual event for the last 13 years and has featured hits including *Peter Pan, Robin Hood, Cinderella, The Yellow Brick Road* and *The Pirates of the Barribean*.

This year, students brought to life *Snow White and the Seven (ish) Dwarves* (there were 13) along with some of their friends, including Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Tinkerbell, Chewbacca and, of course, Barry Comprehensive favourites, Batman and Robin and their enemies Ming, Walauigi and the Evil Queen.

Audiences were spoiled with two hours of comedy and laughter, performed by an outstanding group of young actors (and staff) and were also treated to the stage debut of the headteacher, Mr McNamara, who had a cameo.

As always, it was an absolute pleasure working with such talented young people on this original production written by the drama department. The future is very bright for these young actors. Keep an eye on the website for news regarding the Lower School's production of *The Lion King*.

Preparations are already under way for the summer term's multiple productions as part of our celebrations to remember the role that Barry Comprehensive School played in the lives of so many young people, not only in the local community, but internationally with links abroad in Sri Lanka, Kenya, Norway, Germany and France.

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'Whispers' shouts out the New Year

For the first time ever 'Whispers Tapas' in Barry opened for a New Year celebration and it proved to be a fun evening.

As you can see from Jodie Woolley's images of the night everyone was in great spirits.

Jon Redbourn was in the kitchen plating up the cheese boards and pouring the wine for the guests, while Helen Redbourn was the 'hostess with the mostest' with help from Sarah-Jane Mills and Frankie Benlican.

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Police Youth Volunteers stepping out for mental health

THE Barry and Bridgend units of the South Wales Police Youth Volunteers will be stepping out for mental health later this year.

They're taking part in the Welsh1000walk and will trek from Barry Island to Porthcawl on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

It equates to 32 miles and they hope that every step they take will be raising money for the mental health charity, Mind.

Setting the pace for the volunteers will be South Wales Police Sergeants Mark John and Angela Bennett.

Mark will lead the walk from Barry to Nash Point and Angela Bennet will be leading the way from Nash Point to Porthcawl.

Mark said: "We want to do our bit to support the great work that Mind do. In any given year 1 in 4 people will suffer a mental health problem and it is estimated that only 25 per cent will receive the support they need.

"Mental health awareness is especially important, not least within organisations such as the police service where the demands of the job can really take its toll. Please sponsor us if you can and help us raise funds and awareness for this fantastic charity."

"And that's where you can help – they're hoping our Facebook fans will help support them by making a donation, so, you shares to spread the word about what they are doing would be great."

A total of 71 walks will take place on April 28. The walks will follow the Welsh coastal path including Anglesey and the Offa's Dyke trail.

Six Police Youth Volunteer Units from South Wales and Police Cadets from Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales are also taking part.

If you'd like to donation in support of your youth volunteers, visit:

For the Barry Unit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thewelsh-1000walk2.

For the Bridgend Unit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thewelsh-1000walknash-porthcawl3. **PS**

Owl be seeing you...

BARRY Yacht Club resumed its series of winter talks on January 11 when Alan and Leona Sheppard talked about the owls they have been rescuing for the last 20 years and it turned out to be a hoot of a night.

Not only did Alan and Leona share tales of their 20 years' experience of fostering and nurturing owls but the owls they brought along stole the show.

The group met Bart the Desert Eagle owl, Merlin the grey Tawny owl, Babe, a brown Tawny owl, and Dizzy, the magnificent Barn owl, whose white and golden plumage glowed under the lights.

Alan enlightened the audience how his interest had been piqued by these birds all those years ago.

As a result of a period of poor health, he decided to buy some fantail doves to help him with his recovery. It was a hobby that quickly turned into a passion and from a couple of birds, he soon had 40 of them.

From this, he went on to take an interest in owls after his son brought one home to see if his father could train it, but unfortunately this proved to be a very upsetting experience for them.

They took the young owl to Porthkerry Park to start him flying from the hand, only for the bird to come suddenly under attack from a large group of territorial seagulls. This was to be the only time, so they took the owl back home to be looked after in their aviaries.

Their interest in owls took on a new dimension after they visited Barry Swan Reserve and they soon became involved with the injured birds' welfare and rehabilitation.

Alan explained to us the calming and soothing effect these birds had upon individuals who were struggling with Alzheimer's, dementia or with special needs. They really did seem to make a big difference to them.

The eyes have it.

Alan explained that only individuals with special licences can breed owls and it is strictly monitored. Likewise, once they have been imprinted in a human environment, they are not allowed to be released back into the wild.

Alan explained that it was a myth that all British owls are nocturnal and that there are six owls native to this country and only three were nocturnal.

They can see and hear a mouse at a distance of a mile away, such is their exceptional eyesight and hearing. Wet weather is particularly harmful to the Barn owl as it has particularly fragile plumage with a lot less oil in its feathers than other owls, and leaves them vulnerable to dying from hypothermia if they get very wet.

The larger Desert Eagle owl is capable of bringing down a fox terrier and that even though the bird weighs only a kilo, it has 60 pounds of pressure on each talon when in hunting mode which are impossible to release until the owl decides to retract them. Additionally, they have the capability of turning their heads through 272 degrees.

In terms of feeding, Alan explained that unlike other birds who eat crops, owls and eat all (bones and feathers included) of their prey. This takes about four hours to be digested, at which point the owl regurgitates an owl pellet, a hard ball of all the waste bones and feathers that were the unwanted ingredients of their last meal. Once this has been ejected, they are then able to feed again.

In captivity, the birds live far longer than in the wild, with Tawny owls living upwards of 20 years in captivity and only 16 in the wild. Barn owls can live to 11, but in the wild, this fragile bird is fortunate to reach an age of just four.

Most of us have heard the 'to whit, to whoo' of the Tawny owl, but I don't think that any of the group realised that it was the female of the species that performs the 'to whit' and that it is the male that responds with the "to whoo".

There is an old proverb that surrounds the wisdom that is said to be the hallmark of this bird and it says: "The owl is the wisest of all the birds because the more it sees, the less it talks."

STEVEN LORD

Loyal Collie Meg is full of beans

MEG is a 13 year-old Border Collie who is a full of beans, despite her age.

She loves a walk in the park and eyeing up the squirrels. She is best suited as the only dog in the home as she can be choosy with her canine friends.

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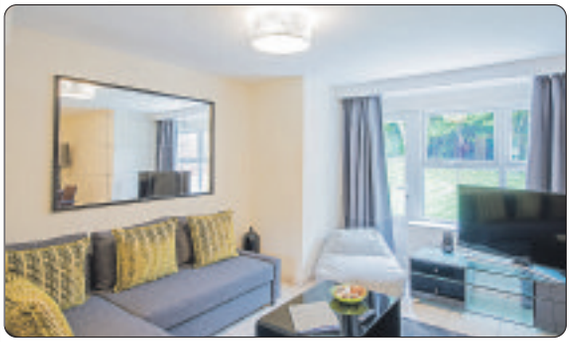
Local golf club's apartment offer



The communal living area in the ground floor apartment.

COTTRELL PARK has recently opened its new on-site accommodation in the form of a converted coach house in the grounds of the resort, with a ground floor apartment and a first floor.

Each apartment can house up to a maximum of eight guests sharing rooms. There are two large triple bedrooms, with the option of an additional single bed in each room, plus a double sofa bed in the living area.

There is a fully fitted and equipped kitchen with dining room and living area and one bathroom in each apartment.

Future plans will see the development of the original Gardeners cottage in the grounds to offer another option. This will sleep up to seven persons and is expected to be ready for July 2018.

General Manager, Mr Derek Smith, said: "Cottrell Park is now in a position to offer unique unrivalled facilities to both members and visitors, either as part of a golf tour, family stay, corporate stay or event, staff incentive activity or as part of a golfing break.

"The Coach house apartments have been very well received since their opening. With the introduction of accommodation, the resort will be in a strong position to offer un-rivalled facilities for a wider customer base".

An in-depth look at Owain Glyndwr for Sully U3A

ON January 11, Sully U3A were entertained by Dylan Jones with 'Owain Glyndwr – the Myth and the Man', the last native Welsh person to hold the title Prince of Wales.

He was born in 1359 into a powerful family of the Anglo-Welsh nobility during a time of relative peace between the tribes of Wales and the English aristocracy.

His father, Gruffydd Fychan II, was a hereditary prince of Powys Fadog and Lord of Glyndyfrdwy, one of the lines of Welsh lords and princes who traced their royal lineage back to before the Norman conquest. His mother, Elen Ferch Tomas Ap Llywelyn of Denheubarth, was also of noble blood.

It is thought that his father died sometime before Owain was 11 years old and the young prince was fostered to the household of Sir David Hanmer, a Welsh judge. Owain followed Hanmer's profession, by studying law at the Inns of Court, but didn't become a "man of law".

He married Hanmer's daughter, Margaret, in 1383 adding the titles of Squire of Sycharth and Glyndyfrdwy to his portfolio. In 1384, military service called Owain, and he enlisted under Sir Gregory Sals in the Marches area, the border country of England and Wales. In 1395, he enlisted under the Earl of Arundel, fighting for King Richard II.

Until the last decade of the 14th century, Owain Glyndwr was a man of the March, having married into a leading March family and became the epitome of an assimilated Welshman.

The immediate spark for Owain's revolt seems to have been due to Henry IV's unwillingness to mediate fairly in a dispute between Owain and his neighbour, Reginald Grey of the Rhuthun marcher lordship. On September 16, 1400, Glyndwr instigated the Welsh Revolt against the rule of Henry IV of England. A group of Owain's supporters proclaimed him Prince of Wales at Glyndyfrdwy. Although initially successful, the uprising was eventually put down.

After the final battles of the revolt in 1412, little was known of Owain Glyndwr. Flashes of sporadic violence against the English continued, but by bandits and outlets rather than any semblance of an organised military force and Owain had taken to the hills.

It was at least a generation before most of the areas caught up in the revolt got back to working life.

In the 19th century, Glyndwr's life and legacy was beginning to be re-valuated as the Welsh nation began to find its voice once more. The discovery of his seal and letters were proof that he was a national leader of some importance – a learned head of a country with diplomatic ties as any other head of state might.

The nationalist movement has always held Owain Glyndwr in high regard, but he is now a figure of mass culture in Wales, with statues and monuments alongside pub and street names commemorating him.

The chairman thanked Dylan Jones for his interesting presentation.

The next presentation on February 8 at the Old School in Sully.

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Sustrans welcomes travel probe

SUSTRANS Cymru has welcomed the announcement by the Assembly's economy, infrastructure and skills committee that it will review the success of the Active Travel Act.

The Act, passed in 2013, was the first of its kind in the world, and requires local authorities to improve conditions for people making everyday journeys on foot or by bike.

The law came into force in 2014 after a campaign by Sustrans. It mandates local authorities to map existing routes people use for everyday walking and cycling, and lay down plans for future improvements.

The aim is that that each local authority will have a network of safe, convenient and connected routes that will allow people to leave their cars, and make shorter trips by foot or by bike instead.

The Assembly committee will question Welsh Government ministers and officials over how the Act is being implemented, as well as hearing from other interested parties.

Steve Brooks, national director of Sustrans Cymru said: "We warmly welcome the move by the committee to review how well this important legislation is being delivered.

"Having led the campaign for the Act, Sustrans is eager that it's implemented properly. While Welsh Government and individual local authorities have made a good start, there's still much that needs to be done.

"The Assembly committee has an opportunity to look in detail at what's working, what's not working and to then provide recommendations back to government on how it can make improvements.

"Funding is hugely important, and Welsh Government needs to lever in more investment if we're to see change on the ground. But action also needs to be taken so that people working in the field of transport across Wales better understand the Act and are able to deliver."

Sustrans Cymru urges partners and those interested in the success of the Act to have their say by the deadline for responses on the February 14. Views can be sent to: *SeneddEIS@assembly.wales*

SAFETY ON THE FARM...

IN the last 10 years, 388 farmers, their family members or farm workers have been killed on British farms, while thousands more have suffered serious injuries and work-related ill health.

"This is a horrifying statistic, because every fatality, every injury, every illness is one too many and can have catastrophic, life changing effects for farming families," said Brian Rees, chair of the Wales Farm Safety Partnership (WFSP) and one of the UK's most well-respected trainers on farm safety.

The role of the WFSP, which is a collaboration between all the key agricultural stakeholder organisations in Wales, is to help raise awareness of the dangers of working on farms to reduce the risk of injuries and accidents to humans in particular, but also to stock.

The WFSP, with support from Farming Connect, recently arranged a series of daily 20-minute workshops, one of which was attended by Lesley Griffiths, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs. The training was delivered by two approved Lantra instructors – John Hughes and his son Jimmy who farm together near Llandrindod Wells – when farmers and agriculture students from across Wales learned up-to-date techniques on safe cattle handling.

"I was especially pleased that so many young farmers and agricultural students attended, which proves we are getting some important messages out to the industry early on in their careers," said the Cabinet Secretary who heard at first hand from Mr Rees and the two trainers how farmers can take steps to reduce on-farm risks and accidents.

"What they learned that day might just prove a life-saver for some of them and I am confident they will put into practice what they saw demonstrated and learned," said the Cabinet Secretary.

Mr Rees explained that handling cattle always involves a risk of injury from crushing, kicking, butting or goring.

"Our workshops demonstrated that there are ways in which you can reduce the risks of accidents and injuries to you, your family and employees or to individuals visiting your stock, such as vets.

"The risk is greater if the animals have not been handled frequently, such as those from hills or moorland, sucklers or newly calved cattle. But attempting to carry out stock tasks on any unrestrained cattle or with makeshift equipment is particularly hazardous, so it is critical that we do all we can to alert farmers to the dangers, and try to prevent them putting their life or health in serious jeopardy," said Mr Rees.

In addition to emphasising the need to plan ahead when handling large animals, Mr Rees' top tips include: never underestimate the risk from cattle, especially the protective instincts of a newly calved cow, even with good precautions in place.

Always use proper handling facilities, kept in good working order. Use a race and a crush suitable for the animals you handle; consider a rigorous culling policy for temperamental animals; try to avoid working alone but if you do, keep a phone handy.

"Statistics show that you are now six times more likely to be killed working on a farm than at a building site, so getting up to speed with all aspects of farm-safety is critically important for farmers of all ages.

"There is support, guidance and training available, so the Wales Farm Safety Partnership will continue to do all it can to persuade farmers to tap into this," added Mr Rees.

Eligible farmers registered with Farming Connect can undertake an e-learning module on farm Health and Safety, which is a pre-requisite if you want to apply for machinery handling courses. For further information and to download a leaflet on farm safety, visit www.gov.wales/farmingconnect.

Further information on all aspects of farm safety is available at www.hse/gov.uk/agriculture

For further information call Elin Hughes at Menter a Busnes on 01248 668 640 or email: elin.hughes@menterabusnes.co.uk Alternatively visit www.gov.wales/farmingconnect.

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Ceilidh and hog roast for the library

DINAS Powys Library and Activity Centre is now managed by a charity, responsible for its operation.

There are over 40 volunteers issuing books, restocking shelves and undertaking many other tasks. Activities in the library include a Lego club, coding training for youngsters and lots more.

To raise funds to keep the doors open a series of events is planned: the next one is a Hog Roast and Ceilidh (a traditional folk dance). This promises to be a fun night with excellent entertainment and delicious food, provided by local butchers Mark and Glen.

Come along on Saturday, February 10 in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys for 7.30pm. Tickets £15 are available from the library, the butchers, and Nisa Local, Cardiff Road.

Who wants to try their hand at the rag trade?

PRODUCERS of new BBC TV programme are looking for volunteers who wish to step back in time and find out what life was like through three pivotal decades for British manufacturing: the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The BBC hopes to highlight the role tens of thousands of women played in clothing the nation.

Factory Girls will turn the spotlight on their efforts to show the role these 'unsung heroines" played at a time of huge change for industry and for women entering the workforce.

The programme will offer today's women the chance to find out what life was like in the factories of those decades, but it's not just for women; men can also take part or share memories of life in factories at the time.

Filming will take place in south Wales over two weeks in April of this year, when a former clothing factory will be brought back to life. The successful applicants will take the roles of sewing machinists, supervisors and factory manager.

The *Factory Girls* team would also like to hear from women who worked in clothing factories at that time and are ready to share tales of life on the shop floor.

Anyone wishing to apply for the project or for further details about the programme can email *factorygirls@walltowall.co.uk* or call 02920 329145.

The Rag Trade is a British television sitcom broadcast by the BBC between 1961 and 1963 and by LWT between 1977 and 1978.

It starred, among others, Shelia Hancock, Peter Jones, Miriam Karlin, Barbara Windsor, and Wanda Ventham (Benedict Cumberbatch's mother).

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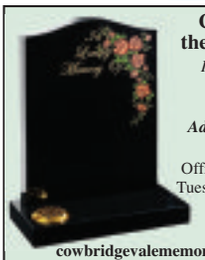
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Family Notices

PEDERSEN
Christian Eric Norman

It is with immense sadness and heavy heart that we announce that Christian Pedersen passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 9th January, surrounded by his family.

An inspirational man in so many ways, he will be sorely missed by all.

He was a wonderful husband to Lynda, cherished father of Adam and Sara, devoted grandfather to Henry, Oscar and Hari and fond brother to Tom.

Funeral to be held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Llanblethian on Monday, 22nd January at 3pm. Family flowers only.

BURGE
Grace Elizabeth (Née Reynolds) (Junie)

Peacefully on 8th January 2018, Grace, aged 84 years, loved partner of the late Ronald Lake. Much loved mum of Allen, Jan, Wendy and Tony. Cherished nan to Donna, Alison, Pravesh, Rakesh and Amy, also great grandchildren Ruby, Taylor, Aaron and Charlie.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 1st February at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for the RSPB c/o the funeral director.

DAVIS
Graham Watkin

Passed 10th January, after a long illness bravely borne. Dear husband of Helen, dad to Guy and Neil and grandad to his eight grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, January 25 at 1.15pm.

REES
Emlyn John

Of Widnes, Cheshire (formerly Dyfan Road, Barry)

Peacefully passed away on Friday, 5 January with his family around him.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Service from home and committal at Widnes Crematorium on 22nd January at 10am.

BLAKE
Gordon James (Blakey)

Peacefully passed away on New Years Eve at home. Gordon will be greatly missed by Dolly, Lisa, Emma, Ellie and Rowan.

Gordon is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St John's Church, South Road, Sully on Friday, 26th January at 1.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home. You are invited to leave your personal messages and memories via Gordon's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk

RILEY
Ann Elizabeth

Peacefully on 14th January in Holme Tower hospice, after a long fight against cancer, Ann, aged 77 years, of Rhoose, formerly of Barry and Barry Island. Beloved wife of Tom, dearly loved mum to Keith, mother-in-law to Deborah. Cherished nan to David, Danielle and the late Mikey. A loving great gran to Ryan, Sebastian, Leighton and Ollie, and a much loved sister to Brian and the late Ronnie.

She will be greatly missed by her cousins Gail and Sue, family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service in the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, 24th January at 4pm, afterwards to the Barry Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations, if wished, to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth c/o the funeral home.

If wished bright colours may be worn.

JONES
Eleanor

Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt, passed away suddenly surrounded by her family.

She will be sadly missed by all of her family and many friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral will take place on Monday, 22nd January at 2.15pm at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation, 3.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request but donations in lieu to UNICEF in order to provide clean drinking water for children in war-torn countries. This was a cause very close to Eleanor's heart. Donations c/o the Funeral Director.

SMITH
Enid Wyn (Née Owen)

Formerly of Ely Street, Tonypandy and Cora Street, Barry

Peacefully, aged 99 years, in the care of her family. Much loved wife of the late Burt Smith and deeply loved and loving mother of her sons David, Michael and Philip. Grandmother to Owen, Aled, Daniel and Jenny, great grandmother to Jack, Evan, Isabelle and Lily.

She will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until her funeral service on the Monday, 22nd January at 1pm at the Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family only flowers by request.

TAYLOR
Reverend Brian

Peacefully, Brian passed away at his home in Barry. A much loved son to Val and the late Brian. A dearly loved brother to Steve, John, Rachel and Daniel.

He will be greatly missed by Sox the cat, his loving family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the Requiem Mass in All Saints Church, Barry on Monday, 5th February at 10am, followed by cremation service at the Barry Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations for Marie Curie Hospice may be given at the church or sent to the funeral home.

YOUNG
Gerald Thomas

Peacefully at Holme Towers on 10th January, 2018. Loving husband and soul mate to Anne, loving father to Helen and father-in-law to Mark. Loving grampy to the apple of his eye Jack

Will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service on Wednesday, 24th January at Cardiff and the Vale Crematorium, service at 10.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Holme Towers, Penarth.

DAVIES
Bessie Joan

Passed away peacefully at Milsom House Care Home on 7th January, aged 87 years.

Bessie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson funeral directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service is to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry, on Friday, 2nd February at 2pm.

PARRY
Gillian Maureen (Jill) (Née Roscoe)

Passed away peacefully on 31st December 2017 at Llandough Hospital. Dearly loved wife of Mike and much loved mum of Jonathan, Nigel and Caroline. Dearly missed by her grandchildren Freya, Ellie, Owain, Erin, Ryan, Tom, Adam and Bethan also her daughters-in-law Harriet and Kim. Much loved by brother Graham and his wife Margaret.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 5th February 2018 at 3pm. Immediate family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Mind Cymru c/o the funeral director.

WATTS
Barbara Jean

Barbara passed away peacefully on 22nd December 2017 at College Fields Nursing Home, aged 85 years. Much loved mum to Anne and Pam, mother-in-law to Malcolm and Huw. Adored granny to Emily, Siân and Gareth. Great grandmother to Olivia (Tiddler).

Barbara will be greatly missed by her family and all whose life she touched.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 23rd January 2018, Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Alzheimer's Research UK c/o funeral director.

GUTHRIE
Yvonne

Peacefully on Saturday, 6th January at Llandough Hospital, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Malcolm, loving mum of Deborah and Susan, much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 25th January, service 11am at St Illtyds Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Society c/o the funeral director.

BOWLES
Brian Malcolm

On January 2nd in hospital, Brian, aged 70 years of Barry.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service in the chapel of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry on Tuesday, January 30th at 10.15am, followed by cremation at the Barry Crematorium. Strictly no flowers by request, but, if wished, please make a donation to your favourite charity.

HAWKINS
Glenys Evelyn (Née Long)

Peacefully at home on December 15th surrounded by her loving family - Glenys, formerly of Barry Island, and a devoted wife to the late Michael. Much loved mum of Tracey and Alex, respected mother-in-law of Ria and the late Ian. An adored nan of Thomas, Laura, Lola and Tilly. Loving sister and sister-in-law of Norman, Angela, Barrie and Diana. Aunty of Kate and Sam.

Glenys will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry on Friday, January 26th at 10.45am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home, alternatively donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Glenys' online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Velindre Cancer Centre in memory of Glenys.

BROWN
Muriel Flora (Née Meechem)

We are sad to announce Muriel's passing, aged 90, at the UHW Cardiff on January 8th. Wife of the late Arthur, loved mother of Sandra and Deborah. Much loved grandmother of Gareth, Catherine, Bevis and Josie. Also, great-grandmother ('Big Nana') of Luke, Taylor, Rhiannon and Amy. Mother-in-law to Stephen and Mike.

The funeral will take place on Friday, January 26th 2018. Service 1pm at Bethesda Chapel, Fairoaks, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QU. Cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX. Post-funeral reception 2.30pm at Dinas Powys Golf Club, Highwalls, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4AJ. No flowers by request please. Donations, if wished, to Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern c/o Mr John Fanshaw, DPVC, Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys, CF64 4QQ.

There is also an online site for donations - https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/dpvc

WOOD
Mavis Louise (Née Hurst)

Peacefully on January 6th at Orchard House Care Home - Mavis, much loved mum of Michael and Philip and daughter-in-law Susan. A cherished nan and great nan to Amanda, Gareth, Craig, Clare, Lucy, Kai, Emma and Jake and Brooke.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mavis is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Thursday, January 25th at 11am. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

EDWARDS
Kathleen

Passed away peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales on the 2nd January.

Kathleen will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry, until her funeral service on Friday, January 26th at 10am at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, may be made in memory of Kathleen at the service for the Springbank Residents fund.

DAVIS
Peter Benjamin

The family wish to announce the peaceful passing of Peter at Llandough Hospital on January 4th. Much loved partner to Carole, a cherished dad, grandad and great grandad.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Peter is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, January 23rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please - donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Peter's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations to support British Lung Foundation in memory of Peter.

DOLMAN
Janet (Née Quenault)

Peacefully at Glandfrwdd Care Home, Pencoed, on Saturday, 6th January 2018, Bridgend, formerly of Llantwit Major and St Athan. Wife of the late Dilwyn Dolman and loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon prior to interment at Llantwit Major Cemetery on Tuesday, 23 January at 2pm. Family flowers only.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff at Glandfrwdd Care Home for their care afforded to Janet during her stay with them.

PHILIPS
Brian John Parry

After a very short illness at Llandough Hospital on Sunday, 31st December, Brian, much loved son of the late Bert Philips and Ceinwen James of Barry.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 19th January, service 1pm at Salem Baptist Chapel, Beryl Road, Barry, followed by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery at 2pm. No flowers by request, donations, if desired, to Rondel House Day Centre, Barry c/o the funeral director.

SKELTON
Brian

Peacefully on the 5th January at Llandough Hospital, Brian, aged 84, passed away with his family around him. Beloved husband of the late Delphine, devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother to five sisters.

He will be greatly missed by all, he will be forever in our hearts.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 24th January, service 1pm at Porthkerry Church, Rhoose, followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery at 2pm.

Family Notices

VICK
Margaret Ann

Mother to Nigel and Ian, passed away on 8th January.

Celebration of life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park, Port Road East, Barry at 2pm on January 24th.

WEBLEY
Andrea Jane

Suddenly at home on January 2nd - Andrea, well known within Barry and for her time at Morrisons. A devoted partner to Dave, cherished mum to all her children. Loving daughter of Terry and Teresa, much loved step daughter of Karen and Bob. A special sister and aunty.

Andrea will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Barry Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry on Wednesday, January 24th at 10.45am, followed by a private committal service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only, donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Andrea's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Cancer Research Wales and Ysgol Y Deri in memory of Andrea. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

Acknowledgement

LIOSATOS
Kaisu

Alexis and Katrina would like to thank everyone who attended Kaisu's funeral on 11th January. They have been overwhelmed by all of your love, support and sympathy.

Your donations have raised substantial funds for Macmillan Nurses in memory of Kaisu.

Special thanks to all the staff on Ward East 6, Llandough Hospital, for looking after mum so well, and to Rebecca and the team at A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their support at this sad time.

In Memory

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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2018

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Dated: 18 January 2018

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History is made at golf club as the first female captain takes the helm!

ST Athan Golf Club was established in 1976 and from the inception there has been a male member elected as club captain.

This year's traditional 'Drive-In' was unique in the fact that Liz Thomas was taking the helm as the first female club captain, coinciding nicely with the centenary of the Representation of the People Act.

The Act of 1918 gave some women the vote for the first time and paved the way for the introduction of universal suffrage.

Just as some were opposed to the introduction of this act, there were a minority of golf club members who needed convincing that change is not necessarily a bad thing and, with that in mind, Liz 'powered her drive away' as successfully as any previous club captain, her ball eventually coming to settle closest to the marker predicted by Gaynor Williams.

With a bitterly cold wind and the course still extremely wet after recent bad weather, the decision was taken that the course could be played but there would have to be a trolley ban imposed and the players were restricted to carrying their bags.

This did not deter the hardier golfing members and 36 of them ventured out to compete in the annual Pee Wee Trophy, a four-ball-better-ball captain v vice-captain competition.

Gary Bohun was hopeful that one particular tradition would be forgotten. However he was dismayed to realise that it hadn't when he found himself, as the outgoing captain, having to start his game on the tee positioned the furthest away from the clubhouse.

Liz also ensured that another tradition was maintained - positioning various bottles of spirits on random tees around the course and thus assisting with keeping hypothermia at bay!

Back in the warmth of the clubhouse, bodies revived with hot soup, and scorecards returne. It was time to announce the results.

There was jubilation from every competitor as it was tentatively announced that it could be a tied competition and the cards would need to be scrutinised.

Vice-captain Gerald Thomas was disquieted to then be informed that one of his team members had signed for a card which recorded a gross score under the wrong player – resulting in a final lower score than previously expected.

One has to question whether it was a genuine mistake or a tactical decision by the marker, a past captain, as the decision taken on the card concerned swayed the overall result 5-4 in the captain's favour!

Liz was absolutely ecstatic and savoured the copious amounts of alcohol contained in the Pee Wee Trophy before ceremoniously passing it on its travels around her winning team.

The losers were soon back in the game, producing an outstanding performance in their assistance with consuming the contents of the pot and ensuring that everyone can be a winner in the game of golf.

Liz and her fellow members at St Athan Golf Club extend their best wishes to all fellow golfers, hopeful that everyone has a prosperous and successful season.

They offer a warm welcome to golfers, regardless of age and ability, anyone interested in joining the club should contact the manager on 01446 751043, alternatively feel free to visit at your own convenience.

CM

Rugby legends' evening in support of Velindre

THE Six Nations will soon be underway and GEM readers have the opportunity to be part of a very special event previewing the ultimate clash – Wales v England, in the presence of two rugby legends.

Taking place at the Liberty Stadium, Swansea, on Thursday, February 8 at 7.30om, Wales fly half Jonathan Davies and English centre Jeremy Guscott will bring an in-depth analysis to the most passionate of clashes, together with stories and banter.

The event will be raising funds for a cause very close to Jonathan's heart – Velindre Cancer Centre. As president of Velindre, Jonathan has been a fantastic supporter of Wales' Premier Cancer Centre and received an OBE for his support of Velindre and cancer patients in Wales.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at: *http://www.theeventsroom.co.uk/event/6-nations-2018-preview-dinner/ or by calling 0845 108 5690*.

Jonathan represented Wales in both rugby codes, and went on to become one of the greatest players Welsh rugby has ever produced. A free running fly-half, he first made his name at Neath RFC, then starred for Wales and Great Britain. Jonathan has since gone on to become a television rugby commentator and a respected media personality.

Known for his smooth running style, Guscott the 'Prince of Centres', was often considered one of the finest ball-players of any rugby age. He gained 65 caps for England and was instrumental in defeating the mighty Springboks during the famous Lions tour in 1997.

Jeremy now works full-time for the BBC as a pundit on their *Rugby Special, Scrum V* and Six Nations programmes.

AM

Darts team lift cup

Chris Harris, Mark Driscoll and Kevin Seldon.

LAST Friday the Mike Josiah three-a-side cup was played at the Cadoxton Cons.

The league would like to thank everyone who attende. It was a fantastic turn out and we hope to see you all again in great numbers for the rest of the tornements in the coming few weeks.

The team of We3 took the victory at 1am in the morning. Winners Chris Harris, Mark Driscoll and Kevin Seldon played outstandingly all evening. Congratulations to them.

NW

Llantwit Major Darts League round-up

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 15th week with the highlights being as follows.

Aaron Keeler 180, Sid Mason 171, Steve Davie 128 out, Mo Phillips 80 out, Luke Richards 18 dart leg, Panicos Skitinis 19 dart leg.

In the top of the table 'C' league clash second placed 'Shoes, St Athan 'C2' beat the top placed Lamb & Flag 'C1' 7 – 4. They were joined in joint second place by the Lamb & Flag 'C2' who beat the King's Head 'C1' 8 – 3.

In the 'A' League last week's third placed Fox & Hounds, St Brides lost to the Rugby Club 'A2' 7 – 4 with the 'Shoes St Athan 'A' taking third place this week after a 6 – 5 victory against the Golden Cups.

The King's Head 'A1' and Wenvoe Arms 'A' both won 10 – 1 to extend the gap with the rest of the chasing pack. Former treasurer Sid Hill, who recently passed away, was fondly remembered at the meeting and our condolences are with his family at this sad time.

'C' League table: Lamb & Flag 'C1' 104, Lamb & Flag 'C2' 99, 'Shoes St Athan 'C2' 99, Rugby Club 96, 'Shoes St Athan 'C1' 94, King's Head 'C2' 84, Boverton Castle 81, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 70, King's Head 'C1' 58, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 40.

'A' League table: King's Head 'A1' 135, Wenvoe Arms 122, 'Shoes St Athan 93, Fox and Hounds 92, Lamb & Flag 88, Rugby Club 'A1' 83, King's Head 'A2' 81, Rugby Club 'A2' 80, 'Shoes Peterston 80, Golden Cups 78, Four Bells 72, Tudor Tavern 55, Rugby Club 'A3' 45, Blacksmith Arms 40.

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Barry Town United's Phase Two fixtures have been revealed

BARRY Town United will begin Phase Two of the JD Welsh Premier League against in-form Aberystwyth Town at Jenner Park, in a repeat of the encounter that opened Phase One.

The Play-Off Conference match on Saturday, February 3, will start at the later time of 4.15pm, to avoid clashing with Wales' Six Nations encounter with Scotland in Cardiff.

Two successive Saturdays on the road then follow, with the Town heading to Prestatyn's Bastion Gardens on February 10 and Newtown's Latham Park on February 17 (both 2.30pm kick-offs), before returning home to host Llandudno on Saturday, February 24.

The Barry vs Llandudno match at Jenner Park will be another 4.15pm kick-off, with fans able to follow Wales's Six Nations visit to Ireland from the comfort of the clubhouse at 2.15pm.

Friday night football returns on March 9, as Barry head to Carmarthen's Richmond Park in a 7.45pm start, with a trip out west to Aberystwyth Town's Park Avenue on Saturday, March 24 (2.30pm).

On Saturday, March 31, Barry will hope to replicate their biggest win of the season, as Prestatyn Town travel to Jenner Park in another 2.30pm kick-off.

The all-important final month sees Barry entertain Newtown on Saturday, April 14, before the Town travel to Llandudno's Giant Hospitality Stadium on Saturday, April 21 (both 2.30pm).

The regular season then closes on Friday, April 27, with Barry pitted against Carmarthen at Jenner Park, on a night when all the fixtures across both conferences will kick off at 7.30pm.

AC

Ryan Day stages remarkable recovery at the Ally Pally!

BRIDGEND'S Ryan Day produced a remarkable recovery to beat China's Ding Junhui 6-4 in the first round of the Dafabet UK Masters at London's Alexandra Palace.

The 37-year-old from Pontycymer looked completely out of sorts as Junhui, ranked fourth in the world, opened up what looked like a decisive 3-0 lead without any great effort.

But then Day, perhaps inspired by compatriot Mark Williams' memorable recovery against world champion Mark Selby the previous day, turned the match on its head.

He produced breaks of 79, 125 and 105 to win five frames in a row before Junhui won the ninth frame.

But Day, ranked 17th in the world, was not to be denied and clinched his place in the last eight with a 115 break in the next frame to complete an impressive win over a player ranked 13 places ahead of him.

Day admitted afterwards that at 3-0 down, he thought he had little to look forward to other than a return trip along the M4 back home to Wales.

But his remarkable recovery means he can now look forward to a quarter-final clash against either John Higgins or Anthony McGill on Friday.

Day, who won his first ranking tournament last year, is competing in the invitational Masters event – ranked second only to the world championship - for the first time since 2010.

A professional for almost 20 years, he is a fluent break-builder and has made well over 300 century breaks, including a maximum 147.

He has won over £1.3 million in prize money and was once ranked sixth in the world.

MICHAEL PROSSER

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

THE Premier Division took another swerve as Barry Athletic took back top spot, as Dan Morgan and Mark Kingdon fired them to a 2-1 win over Island Marine.

Athletic retook top spot after St Athan slipped up to 3-2 home defeat to AFC Rhoose, Luke Llewelyn Davis, a Jordan Owen double and excellent goalkeeping performance from Nathan Gahan giving Rhoose all three points.

St Athan slip to third as FC Barry Belgrade thumped Penarth 4-1 to move second. Belgrade sit one point off top but have four games in hand on Athletic. Three points now separate the top four.

In Division One, Sully Sports continued to dominate, the Alliance League clubs reserve team put seven past Cadoxton Athletic to secure a 7-3 win and move eight points clear with two games in hand on second, as SP Billy lost to another Alliance League club's reserve team.

Cardiff Airport were 3-1 victors over SP to go within two points of second having played a game less. Barry Saints also moved within two points of second but with two games in hand, as their fine form continues, winning 3-0 at home to Cwm Talwg. Cadoxton Imps secured an impressive 3-3 draw away to Cogan Coronation in a thriller.

In Division Two, Llantwit Major really kicked into top gear as they routed St Athan B 8-1, Josh Morgan bagging a hat trick, Max Morgan a brace, with Coyle, Gethin Jennings and Grafton adding the others for the Welsh League club's reserve side.

BRT Dynamos moved to a point of Vale Madrid as they came out 4-2 winners away. Island Marine B triumphed 4-1 against BV, while bottom side Glenbrook picked up a point in an eight goal thriller as they held Barry Albion 4-4.

This week, only a handful of games to be played as both Supporters Cup and Dockers Cup play their first round of matches. Game of the day in Premier Division looks like being Cowbridge Town hosting FC Barry Belgrade.

HD

The Barry and District League results and tables

THE latest results from the Barry and District Leagues are as follows:

Crib Division 1: West End 8, Liberals 7; Cadoxton Cons 7, Moors Boys 8; Wyndham Cons 8, West End Runaways 7.

League Table: Liberals 103, Wyndham Cons 102, West End Runaways 100, Cadoxton Cons 99, Moors Boys 95, Rhoose Social 88, West End 88.

Skittles Division 1: King William XII 5, Allsorts 2; Rugby Club 6½, Barries Boys ½; Rhoose Social A 1, West End D 6; Cambrian Flyers 2½, Liberals C 4½; Liberals A 5, Sea View B 2; Rhoosters 4½, West End C 2½; Rhoose Social B 6, Rhoose Social C 1.

League Table: West End D 67.5, Rugby Club 63.0,

Sea View B 57.5, West End C 55.5, Rhoosters 55.5, King William XII 49.0, Rhoose Social C 48.0, Slammers 48.0, Allsorts 46.0, Rhoose Social B 44.5, Liberals A 44.0, Rhoose Social A 41.5, Liberals C 38.0, Barry Town FC 37.0, Cambrian Flyers 26.5, *Barries Boys 20.5.

League Division 1: Savoy A 4, Wyndham Cons A 1; Cadoxton Cons B 3, Services Social B 2; Liberators 2, Savoy B 3; Rhoose Social B 0, Harbour B 5; West End C 4, Cadoxton Cons Z 1.

League Table: Harbour B 66, Savoy A 56, Wyndham Cons A 41, Cadoxton Cons Z 40, Cadoxton Cons B 36, West End C 34, Services Social B 27, Savoy B 26, Liberators 23, Rhoose Social B 21 ,Penarth Cons A 20.

Snooker Division 2: Sully Sports A 0, Cadoxton Misfits 5; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Market Street C 2; Rhoose Social C 2, Penarth Cons B 3; West End B 2, Harbour A 3; Market Street B 2, Wyndham Cons D 3.

League Table: Cadoxton Misfits 50, Rhoose Social C 42, Market Street B 39, Penarth Cons B 39, Cadoxton Cons A 37, Wyndham Cons D 35, Harbour A 34, Market Street C 34, West End B 30, West End A 29, Sully Sports A 26.

* = Points deducted

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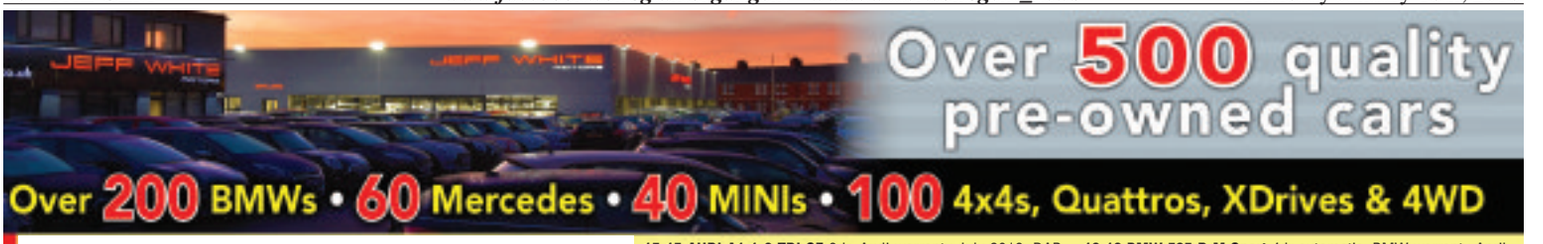

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14 14 BMW X6 30D XDRIVE 5dr automatic, sat nav, 20"alloys, dynamic pack, black, full oyster leather **£24495**
15 65 CITROEN C4 PICASSO 1.6 BlueHDI Exlusive 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, 8k, white **£11495**
14 64 CITROEN GRAND C4 PICASSO 1.6 E-HDI Airdream Exclusive+ 5dr (7-seater) pan roof, sat nav, met blue **£11495**
14 14 CITROEN DS3 1.6 VTI DSTYLE Plus 3dr, 17"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 30k, yellow **£6995**
15 65 CITROEN DS3 1.6 BlueHDI DSTYLE 3dr, Citroen warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 10k, black **£9795**
16 16 DS DS4 1.6 BlueHDI Crossback 5dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, met red, half leather **£11995**
16 65 DS DS5 1.6 BlueHDI Elegance 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, 18"alloys, pdc, met blue **£12495**
15 65 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 T ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty Nov 2018, 17"alloys, cruise, 11k, choice, half leather **£9795**
15 65 FORD FIESTA 1.0 T EcoBoost Red Edition 3dr, Ford warranty Oct 2018, 17"alloys, privacy glass, Bluetooth, 13k, choice **£9995**
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.25 Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2019, Bluetooth, DAB, choice **£8495**
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2019, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB, 10k, choice **£8995**
16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium X 5dr, Ford warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, 13k, black **£11495**
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14 63 FORD FOCUS 1.6 TDCI ECOnetic Zetec 5dr, aircon, cruise, black **£6795**
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15 15 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-3 5dr, Ford warranty August 2018, electric sunroof, sat nav, 19"alloys, 13k, blue, full leather **£15795**
17 66 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-3 5dr, Ford warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 19"alloys, DAB, 10k, white, full leather **£19995**
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14 14 HONDA CR-V 2.2 I-DTEC SE 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, reverse camera, alloys, met red **£11495**
14 64 HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDI Bluedrive Active 5dr, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, cruise, USB, PDC, 22k, grey **£8495**
15 65 HYUNDAI i40 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Estate DCT automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, black **£11995**
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14 64 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L Estate, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC front & rear, choice **£8795**

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15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTec AMG Line Cabriolet 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty October 2018, sat nav, 18"alloys, white, full leather **£21995**

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14 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER ALL4 5dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) Bluetooth, 17"black alloys, 24k, starlight blue **£10995**

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 4x4 5dr(7-seater) Nissan warranty April 2019, pan roof, cruise, 12k, black **£16495**

17 17 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI Tekna XTRONIC 5dr automatic, Nissan warranty April 2020, sat nav, pan roof, 19"alloys, met red .. **£17995**

14 14 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr, Bluetooth, DAB, USB, 19k, silver **£4995**

15 65 PEUGEOT 108 1.0 Active 3dr, Peugeot warranty Dec 2018, DAB, Bluetooth, USB, 8k, blue **£5995**

15 65 PEUGEOT 5008 1.6 BlueHDI Active 5dr (7-seater) Peugeot warranty Nov 2018, cruise, 17"alloys, 14k, grey **£10995**

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16 16 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Sport Coupe 3dr, Seat warranty Aug 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, USB, 5k, red **£9995**

15 65 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L 5dr, Skoda warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, DAB, cruise, 17k, black **£11995**

16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE Business 5dr Automatic, Skoda warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, met grey **£12495**

17 17 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L Estate, Skoda warranty July 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, only 700 miles, met blue **£16995**

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15 65 VW GOLF 1.4 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTE 5dr DSG, VW warranty Oct 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 20k, silver . **£20995**

12 12 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE cabriolet, cruise, pdc, 31k, black **£8995**

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15 15 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech 4Motion 5dr, VW warranty May 2018, sat nav, pdc front & rear, 29k, black **£13995**

15 65 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech R-Line Editon 4MOTION 5dr DSG automatic, VW warranty Dec 2018, 18"alloys, PDC, 29k, white, full leather **£18995**

16 66 VOLVO V40 2.0 D2 R-Design Pro 5dr, Volvo warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, 18"alloys, 8k, white, full leather **£14995**

16 66 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D4 SE Lux Nav 5dr 4X4 automatic, Volvo warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, 15k, silver, full leather **£22995**

15 15 LEXUS CT200H 1.8 Advance Plus 5dr CVT automatic, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 20k, met white, half leather **£15995**

15 65 BMW 640 D M Sport Gran Coupe 4dr automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2018, 20"alloys, sat nav, head-up display, 19k, full leather, choice **£27995**

15 15 FORD FIESTA 1.0 ECOboost Zetec S Black Edition 3dr (140bhp) 17"alloys, Bluetooth, black **£8995**

14 64 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 5dr, aircon, DAB, 27k, white **£9795**

16 16 BMW 320 D Sport Estate, BMW warranty July 2019, sat nav, DAB, privacy glass, 19k, white **£16995**

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14 64 BMW 218 DSE 2dr coupe, pdc, bluetooth, DAB, 19k, met blue, full leather **£13495**

14 64 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth. Cruise, full lerather, choice **£8795**

15 15 RENAULT CLIO 0.9 TCE Dynamique S Media Nav, sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, body kit, 21k, white **£8995**

14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr, 19"alloys, sat nav, reverse camera, pan roof, 23k, choice, full leather **£12795**

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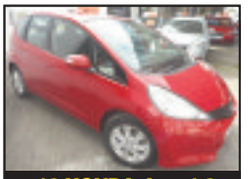

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This annual Christmas competition for the RAF Shield is usually held at St Athan Golf Club but unfortunately, due to the playing conditions at St Athan, it had to be moved to Cottrell Park, where 22 competitors assembled at the first tee on the reasonably dry Button course.

For many competitors, this was the first time their golf clubs had seen the light of day since the last society meeting in November.

However, the final scores recorded by the leading players was exceptional, particularly by the overall winner Dan Jarvis, who, despite playing off a handicap of seven, finished with a very impressive 41 stableford points.

Just as impressive was the score of 85-year-old Aubrey Bowen who finished runner up with 38 points.

Playing his third round in four days, the retired farmer from Penmark continues to prove that age is no barrier and long may this continue.

Martyn Edwards enjoyed a rare day off from exercising hounds to finish third with 37 points, followed by acting treasurer of the day, Robbie Llewellyn, who scored 34 points.

Society captain Ray Thomas finished fifth with 33 points, followed by Dai John and Bryan Owen who both scored 32 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Julian Golunski, Robbie Llewellyn, Mark Rees and vice-captain Keith James, whose magnificent tee shot to the 186 yard 12th hole finished just a few yards from the hole – which he eventually bogeyed!

Winning golfers Martyn Edwards, Aubrey Bowen, Dan Jarvis, Robbie Llewellyn and Ray Thomas.

A distraught Keith Gibson won the longest drive prize of a free meal in the clubhouse served after playing but unfortunately, due to a previous commitment, was unable to stay for what proved a most enjoyable chicken curry and chips.

Aubrey Bowen's wonderful day continued when it was announced he had correctly guessed 25 balls would remain out on this beautiful part of God's country with its magnificent views over seven different counties something that is unlikely at any other golf club in the United Kingdom.

Aubrey's reward was a bottle of whisky, kindly sponsored by Premier Turf Ltd. This raised £50 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards appeal fund.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Thursday, January 25, at Clyne Golf Club, Swansea when members will be competing for the Llanharan Concrete Silver Bowl generously sponsored by Mr Gino Cocco.

T.MCC

News from Bridgend Blue Bulls

THE Bridgend Blue Bulls under-13s and under-15s have started training every Monday night, 6pm at Pyle RFC.

Rugby league is growing slowly in south Wales, but with more players team and volunteers it will be a massive summer sport.

If you can contribute as a player, coach, first aider or off field volunteer, please message us *tmbluebull@gmail.com* or call Steve on 07712243581.

Last season ended with highs and lows, the under-13s starting with nothing but growing through the summer to end as Grand Final champions.

The under-15s played a couple of games but school commitments contributed to a disjointed season but they finished fourth.

The lows were the under-17s losing all four games of the season, and the open age (seniors) were not able to field a team in the semi-final stages.

Club president Mike Nicholas is using his contacts to bring a working partnership with a Super League club to come on board with the Bulls, so hopefully over the next couple of weeks, an announcement will be ready.

This will hopefully bring Academy structure and player development pathways to the Super League or NRL, such opportunities have been started by West Wales Raiders with Hull FC seeing twins Ewan and Ieuan Badham (West Wales Raiders and Milford Haven Comprehensive School) being joined at the City of Hull Academy by Raiders teammate, Iestyn Hopkins (Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera).

Five under-15 players from the Raiders have also signed at Hull - Morgan Chell (Ysgol Dyffryn Taf), Trystan Rawlings, Keiron Lewis and Alex Jones (all Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera) and Joe Hawkins (Cwmtawe Community School).

These signings have resulted from the partnership Raiders have with Hull, coupled with the players' performances for Wales under-16s or the west Wales regional side in the recent Origin games.

Other avenues we are exploring are further afield – we have been invited to France and Australia to play fixtures at all age groups. These are links left over from the Celtic Crusader days at the Brewery Field and Maesteg Comprehensive.

Evan lands Sandown race

AFTER all three of Evan Williams' runners failed to make the frame in the recent Welsh Grand National at Chepstow, it was left to his 11-year-old *Buywise* to put the smile back on his face when winning the £100,000 32Red Veterans' Handicap Chase worth nearly £62,000 to the winner at Sandown Park.

Ridden for the first time by Grand National-winning jockey Leighton Aspell, *Buywise*, who has always promised to win a big race, passed last year's winner *Pete The Feat* on the run-in to score by two lengths.

And the roar in the owners' and trainers' bar at Chepstow Racecourse when *Buywise* won, where Evan's wife Catherine and family and friends watched the race on television, could probably have been heard in the Chepstow Racecourse stands.

A delighted Williams, who was full of praise for Aspell, told the press: "It's heartwarming to see the old boy come back. He's got such a following – we've people getting in touch and all they all want to know about is *Buywise*."

Meanwhile, *Raz De Maree*, the 16-1 winner of the Welsh Grand National, is trained in Ireland by Gavin Cromwell, and, at 13, is the oldest winner of the race since *Snipe's Bridge* won at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse in 1927.

Raz De Maree was partnered by Pembrokeshire's James Bowen, who, at 16, is the youngest rider to win Wales's most prestigious race.

Raz De Maree finished six lengths ahead of *Alfie Spinner*, who was ridden by Richard Patrick who, like Bowen, is well known to point-to-point enthusiasts in the Vale.

ISABEL'S DEAD HEAT

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams, riding her father Evan Williams' *Virginia Chick* in the AJA Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle at Ludlow last week – where her father is leading trainer – was involved in a dead heat at the end of the three miles race.

Seventeen runners faced the starter and the dead heat with with Isabel's mount was the 5-2 favourite *FlashJack*.

Virginia Chick was returned at odds on 5-1.

BRIAN LEE

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League news

THE Christmas break is over for the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League, and the first match to report on was the much-anticipated top of the table clash between hosts Witchill Wildcats and the Castle Dark Lords, a game which disappointed as a spectacle after the first singles session.

The Wildcats dominated this game from start to finish and all but ended any hope the Dark Lords had of winning the league.

The final score of 11-1 would reflect the way both sides played on the night, with Gareth Foxall and Gavin Rowlands winning the Dark Lords' only point when 10-0 down in the last session of doubles.

Wildcats are now favourites to win the league and should have their claws on the trophy at the end of the season after the strong performances from Lawrence Klee, James and Ian Hill, Paul Everest, Ceri Morris, Steve Watkins and the league's golden girl, Sian Kedward.

The Libs Rejects travelled to Millwood Pot Jacks and quickly stormed into a 5-1 lead, winning three out of the first four singles with James Bastow and Mike Roberts both overcoming tricky opponents in Nick Parry and Gary Williams.

Millwood fought back, winning two of the next four singles and both doubles in the final session, leaving the Libs to hang onto a narrow 7-5 win.

Tom Ivins won man of the match with three out of four wins.

Barry Island team Finnegans hosted Glenbrook Wanderers and a jovial match with banter from both teams added to this entertaining 6-6 draw.

Finnegans would race into a 5-0 lead started by James Ball's first frame win over the experienced David Jones, followed by wins from Carson Martin, Kane Grindley and Joseph Ashenhurst.

The first session of doubles were shared, then Ashenhurst would beat Jeff Bartle in the next session of singles to give the home side a 6-1 lead.

What happened next was truly remarkable. The Wanderers dug deep to win the next five frames with Nick Taylor, Karl Marsh and Rhodri Thomas all in top form taking the game to a black ball sudden death shoot out with the bonus point going to the Glenbrook Wanderers.

Last year's league champions, Billy United, beat their pub rivals King William IV 9-3, a scoreline that flattered the Billy United team.

Almost every frame could have gone either way in a error-strewn match with all frames won on the black or by one ball, so close were the frames.

Debutant Lance Dyer was King William's man of the match, winning two out of four frames, while for the Billy it was Gary Roberts, Martin Pring and Ian Roberts who shined.

The Good, the Bad and the Ship travelled to the Baruc Arms and came away with a well-deserved 8-4 win.

Captain Graham Avaient would steer his players Adrian Ledbetter and Bobby Hartland to victory and gain valuable points over the Baruc Arms. Man of the match was an easy choice, going to Mike Dunn, who won all four of his matches on the night.

Last year, the league were approached by Harry Asprou and his father, Anastasis Asprou, known affectionately as Stass, to sponsor our Thursday night Vale Pool League, with both saying that they wanted to put something back into the community.

It was with great sadness the news was received of the passing of Stass, a true gentlemen, a kind and loving man who touched the hearts of every one he met. He will be greatly missed not only by his family, but also by Barry and the wider community.

JB

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Date	KO GMT	Home		Away	
3rd February	2.15 pm	Wales	v	Scotland	Draw
3rd February	4.45 pm	France	v	Ireland	Draw
4th February	3.00 pm	Italy	v	England	Draw
10th February	2.15 pm	Ireland	v	Italy	Draw
10th February	4.45 pm	England	v	Wales	Draw
11th February	3.00 pm	Scotland	v	France	Draw
23rd February	8.00 pm	France	v	Italy	Draw
24th February	2.15 pm	Ireland	v	Wales	Draw
24th February	4.45 pm	Scotland	v	England	Draw
10th March	2.15 pm	Ireland	v	Scotland	Draw
11th March	4.45 pm	France	v	England	Draw
11th March	3.00 pm	Wales	v	Italy	Draw
17th March	12.30 pm	Italy	v	Scotland	Draw
17th March	2.45 pm	England	v	Ireland	Draw
17th March	5.00 pm	Wales	v	France	Draw

Tie Breaker:- Prediction of the **total** number of **TRIES** scored in the tournament = _____

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Submit completed forms with entry money in an envelope **before 3rd February** to:-

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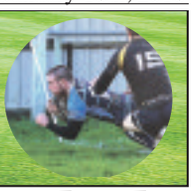

Barry Town United are dealt blow by Bala's win

ABOVE LEFT: Substitute Sam Jones chases down a Bala Town player, while ABOVE RIGHT: Jordan Cotterill looks to attack the Bala defence.

A day to remember for Bala Town manager Colin Caton became one to forget for Barry Town United, as their visitors from Gwynedd snatched a 1-0 victory at Jenner Park in the JD Welsh Premier League.

Barry started the day knowing that only an emphatic flattening of the JD Welsh Cup holders would give them a slim chance of pipping Cefn Druids and Llandudno into the Championship Conference.

Nevertheless, a crowd of almost 600 turned out for the 5.15pm kick-off, continuing Barry's run of healthy attendances at Jenner Park since the Town returned to the nationwide top flight in August.

Aiming to complete the Phase One double over their hosts, Bala made good use of the long throws of Lewis Short and one almost came up trumps when it fell favourably in the area for Stuart Jones.

However, the former Wales under-21 international fired his snap shot over goalkeeper Joe Massaro's crossbar, in what was the main occurrence of a forgettable first-half under the Jenner Park lights.

To the chagrin of the home support, Bala made the breakthrough in the 66th minute, when substitute Jordan Evans collected and carried the ball forward, from within the centre circle.

Back in the team after illness, Barry skipper James Saddler made up good ground to catch Evans and dispossess him with a well-measured tackle, yet the ball ran straight into the path of unmarked Bala forward Mike Hayes, who took it around Massaro and slotted home to give the visitors thire lead.

Evans later showed explosive speed and skill on the ball to get past Saddler and Paul Morgan, setting up Hayes for a sweet, right-footed effort that curled onto the crossbar and bounced high out of play.

Offering more in attack after the break, Barry's best chance came from a seemingly-innocuous set-piece, as the hosts looked almost destined to equalise, with no more than five minutes remaining.

Returning from the injury that had ruled him out of the team since September, Ryan Newman took a quick free-kick, which fellow second-half substitute Eliot Scotcher then lifted high into the Bala area.

The Lakesiders cleared their lines, but Barry's Luke Cooper showed good strength and balance to get the better of Jones and deliver a perfect cross into the danger zone, only for the club's leading goalscorer Kayne McLaggon to head wide from six yards, to the relief of Bala keeper Ashley Morris.

As the final play of note saw Evans force a near post save by Morris' opposite number Massaro, Barry were left to rue their missed opportunity, though Druids' draw with Llandudno meant the Town's result was largely academic, at least in terms of their status heading into Phase Two.

With 27 points from their 22 fixtures to date, Barry's quest for a top six berth fell short, but there remains plenty to play for as the Town embark on their final 10 games, to be played in the league's Play-Off Conference against bottom six opponents Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Llandudno, Newtown and Prestatyn.

The side finishing top of the Play-Off Conference will earn a spot in the European play-offs, with the runners-up joining them, should a team from the Championship Conference (the league's top six) win the JD Welsh Cup.

The bottom two teams remain at risk of relegation, with Barry heading into Phase Two currently 12 points ahead of the drop zone.

AC

Barry RFC pushed all the way by resilient Abercynon

THEY always say you have to hit the ground running to achieve something, and Barry certainly did that last Saturday in their league fixture against Abercynon - within the first 20 minutes Barry scored four converted tries to lead 28-0.

Barry were first to gain advantage from the kick off as they pressured the Abercynon eight into conceding a penalty from a scrum. The resulting lineout was driven toward the line before recycling saw Curtis Millar crash over for the try which was converted by Kyle Barross.

A second try followed almost immediately as Abercynon infringed at the restart allowing Barry to attack through a driving lineout, and when the move broke down Dave Provis found a gap in the defence to break clear before handing on to Tom Perry to cross near the posts, giving Kyle Barross a simple conversion.

At this stage Abercynon had hardly touched the ball and again an infringement at the restart cost them dearly as the penalty took Barry back on the attack.

Again after initially driving the lineout Barry spread the ball and the defence was wrongfooted as a clever Tom Perry chip to the corner gave Tiernan Scott the touchdown, with Kyle Barross again adding the extras for a 21-point lead.

Things got worse for the visitors as Barry opened up play from the restart and the ball was moved quickly and accurately among the threequarters, finally finding Tiernan Scott to score his second try and, with another Kyle Barross conversion, Barry had raced into a 28-point lead.

Most sides would by now have had enough but to their credit Abercynon began to get some possession and with ball in hand showed they had some pace and talent in their backline.

Their reward came following a speculative kick which the Barry defence failed to deal with, allowing the kicker to regather and cross for the try which was converted and Abercynon were on the scoreboard.

Buoyed by their success they were now playing with a spring in their step and with the added benefit of some meaningful possession began to attack the Barry defence.

A swift move from a now more solid scrum saw the ball moved at a pace too quick for the Barry defence who were left floundering as Abercynon crossed for their second try and conversion which saw the deficit halved in a matter of minutes.

The scores were indications of the threat Abercynon posed and not of a side switching off after enjoying a substantial lead.

The warning bells had sounded.

Barry took the threat on board immediately as they regained the ball at the restart and moved into the 22 where they opted to take a scrum from a penalty award.

Using their scrum advantage they drove the visitors toward their line and following a further penalty drove again to give Luke O'Sullivan the easiest of touchdowns at the back of the scrum and Kyle Barross another conversion.

Abercynon again got themselves back upfield and into Barry territory forcing them to concede penalties and were rewarded with a penalty goal to make the half-time score 35-17.

Barry were aware the game was not over and began the second period as they had the first, launching a series of forays into the Abercynon 22, this time forcing the visitors to transgress.

The lineout following the penalty saw Barry drive for the line with the ball finding Luke O'Sullivan to cross for his second try, and with Kyle Barross adding the extra points Barry stretched further ahead.

Barry kept the momentum going, taking every opportunity to attack, but despite the deficit they faced, Abercynon were playing with a huge amount of pride and commitment which stifled most of Barry's attempts.

However, they were finally undone as a clever blindside move created space for Wayne Jones to cross for a try. An immaculate conversion by Kyle Barross took the score to 49-17.

This scoreline gave Barry the chance to use their substitutes and they needed to get quickly up to speed as Abercynon, still fighting hard, enjoyed their best period of the game in terms of possession but were met with a solid home defence not prepared to give anything away.

This led to some entertaining rugby from both sides.

As the minutes ticked away Abercynon still battled on and were rewarded with an unconverted try as they dissected the Barry defence from a drive – a just reward for their efforts. This was was followed by the final whistle, with Barry winners, 49-22.

You can't complain about seven tries, a 100 per cent kicking record from Kyle Barross and a victory which consolidates Barry's third position in the table, but as good as the performance was, you have to give credit to a young Abercynon side who played with heart to the end and, taking out the opening 16 minutes, where Barry scored 28 points, ironically outscored Barry by 22 points to 21. There is a moral there somewhere.

This Saturday sees the pressure cranked up as Barry travel to meet Gilfach Goch, who have suffered only one defeat this season and sit below Barry in the table but with games in hand.

A coach will leave the club at 12.30pm for players and supporters.

This weeks lottery numbers of 06, 14, 17 and 18 were not matched, so this week's jackpot increases to £8,300.

Last week's draw also saw the introduction of a £10 prize for those who match three numbers. The new prize was won by two ticketholders last week.

AJ

Gambits move up table despite heavy defeat!

IN the first week of competition for the Barry Chess Club in the East Glamorgan chess league, two matches were played. We lost both of them unfortunately.

In division one the Bosons played host to the Cardiff Monarchs. In a close match where both teams appeared to be evenly matched, we picked up draws through Matthew Davies, Steve Cunliffe, Rhys Steele and Dave Parsons, meaning we lost 3 - 2.

We remain in sixth place on 25 points, some 5.5 points above the relegation zone with eight rounds still to play. We are not safe yet as we are likely to need a further 15 points to secure our place at the top table next year.

With only two players currently with a rating of 2000+, one of whom returns to university this month, we can consider ourselves to be over-achieving so far this season.

Our other match was in division four where the Gambits made the short trip to Penarth to take on the Piers. In the reverse fixture we lost 5 - 0, so to pick up anything would be a bonus.

We knew it would be a tough game as our team contained three relatively inexperienced players – all with current ratings below 1000.

We managed an improved performance and avoided a whitewash with Sam White saving our blushes, earning a draw on board 1. A 4.5 - 0.5 defeat actually moved us up a place in the table as the North Cardiff Zebras lost 5 - 0!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com

PHIL JONES

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League news

WEEK commencing January 8:

Division 1: Bakers Dozen 250 (M.Weston & R.Hewitson 27), Barry Stars 212 (S.Phillips 27); Pila Pala's 324 (S.Bennett 31), Allsorts 330 (M.Jenkins 34); Space Finders 342 (K.Jackson 35), Family Affair 283 (J.Waldon 35); Cigar Ladies 306 (G.Drew 30), Coppers 303 (J.Hartnell 34).

Division 2: Castle Bandits 249 (J.McAndrew 27), Witchill Widows 231 (E.Cornwell & T.Tozer 23); Clickies 265 (E.Walters 31), Airways Angels 272 (M.Carpenter 31); Breakaways 285 (J.Dawkins 33), Challengers 309 (D.Collard 36); Rhoose Starlights 257 (D.Straddling 30), Sea View Lights 150 (B.Stephenson 27); LaBells 339 (R.Clogg 36), Bobby's Girls 318 (L.Evans 31); Special Angels 245 (T.Jones 25), Witchill Webbies 245 (M.Rogers 25).

Division 3: Off the Rails 235 (L.McCormack 32), After Eights 183 (P.Mepham 25); Rebels 250 (C.Carter 29), Persuaders 237 (M.Appleby 24); Rugby Triers 245 (M.Howells 24), Westenders 199 (T.Coombs 23); Etcetera 283 (M.Whyman & D.Stewart 33), Hillbillies 323 (C.Stillman 31); Sea View Ladies 246 (G.Davy & S.Humphries 27), Dolly Mixtures 259 (G.Burdge 31); Merry Makers 185 (H.Davies 29), Uptown Girls 203 (J.Cosslett 21).

Division 4: Liberals 239 (A.Boyd 26), Twilights 226 (C.Thomas 29); Optimimists 218 (A.Gerkhardt 26), Boozy Birds 226 (C.Clemments 25); Witches 220 (Y,Curnow 26), Aristocats 182 (T.Western & C.Chatwell 24); Livin on a Spare 310 (R.Briton 35), Socialites 279 (J.Savoury 30).

The next secretary's meeting is January 22, 8pm at Cadoxton Conservative Club.

HB